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Afghan air force Sgt. Mohammed Shafi scans for threats from an Mi17 helicopter during a recent training mission in Uruzgan province in southern Afghanistan.

# Hagel: Bergdahl swap was imperfect but legal

By Travis J. Tritten Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told Congress on Wednesday that the secret swap of five militants for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl complied with U.S. law and was in the best interest of the United States.

In a sometimes contentious hearing before the House Armed Services Committee, Hagel said the Pentagon and the president were forced to make an "imperfect" wartime decision that necessitated a sidestepping of the law requiring congressional notice of Guantanamo Bay transfers.

"I recognize that the speed with

which we moved has caused great frustration. We could have done a better job of keeping you informed," Hagel said. "I can assure you that this prisoner exchange was done legally, with substantial mitigation of risk... and in the national interest of our country."

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In another show of force, Iraqi militants seize Tikrit » Page 11

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I just want people to die, and I'm gonna die with them!"

Aaron Ybarra, who is charged with killing one student and wound-ing two others at a Seattle college last week, in a handwritten journal

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## **MILITARY**

# Sub back from 'surge' deployment

By MICHAEL MELIA The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. - A Navv submarine has returned to its Connecticut base from a rare spur-of-the-moment deployment, completing a secret mission that sent it to European

The USS Missouri, which came back to Groton over the weekend. was on the first "surge deployment" involving an attack submarine to be announced by the Navy

While the military has declined to provide details, it said the submarine left on March 24 to conduct "security missions in the U.S. European Command region." At the time, Russia was completing its takeover of Crimea, and the U.S. Navy has sent three surface ships to the Black Sea since the escalation of tensions.

Attack submarines typically deploy overseas for about six months, then return home for a year for training at sea and on-shore, evaluation of the sub and leave time for the sailors



Sailors man the rails during the commissioning cere USS Missouri, an attack submarine, at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Conn. The Missouri returned to Groton on Sunday after a rare "surge deployment."

The 140-man crew of USS Missouri had returned to shore only three months earlier from its first overseas deployment when they had to assemble on short notice.

"It was just a lot of scrambling,

a lot of getting things together and helping the guys to get themselves together and prepare,' said Cheryl Gaydos, the wife of a Missouri crewmember and a representative for sailors' famiombudsman. She said the deployment strained the families but "the boat ladies" stuck together.

The commander of the Navy's submarine force, Vice Adm. Michael Connor, said he was "grateful and humbled" by the sacrifices made by the crew and

The Virginia-class submarine, which was commissioned in Groton in 2010, is equipped to conduct covert surveillance, attack targets with Tomahawk cruise missiles, launch special forces and hunt other ships and submarines. On the latest deployment. the Missouri stopped at a port in Faslane, Scotland, but Navy officials said they could not confirm whether it conducted missions in the Black Sea, because submarine operations are classified.

It was the first attack submarine surge deployment to be announced by the Navy since 2006, according to Lt. Timothy Hawkins, a Navy spokesman in

## **Swap:** GOP lawmakers decry threat posed by Bergdahl swap

FROM FRONT PAGE

Bergdahl spent nearly five years in captivity in Afghanistan and was handed over by the Tal-iban on May 31 after the United States struck an agreement with the insurgents in talks mediated by the Persian Gulf ally Qatar to release five prisoners who had been held in Cuba since being captured during the war follow-

ing 9/11. Under a law passed last year, the president is to notify Congress of any Gitmo prisoner transfers 30 days in advance. Instead, the administration told lawmakers of the Bergdahl trade and negotiations, which began in January, only after he was in U.S. custody

Hagel said Congress was told in 2011 and 2012 that the Department of Defense was pursuing a deal for Bergdahl in exchange for Taliban fighters, though the effort stalled.

President Barack Obama weighed the potential conseit was within his constitutional powers to order the trade without

the notification, he said.

"We were told by the Qataris that a leak — any kind of leak — would end the negotiations for Bergdahl's release," Hagel said.
The Pentagon and the White

House also knew Bergdahl would be extremely vulnerable dur-ing any movement and military forces conducting the hand-off would be exposed to ambushes in dangerous territory outside U.S. control, he said.

"The exchange needed to take place quickly, efficiently and quietly," Hagel said. "We believed this exchange was our last, best opportunity to free him."

Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., said the Pentagon and administration may have told between 80 and 90 members of the government including employees in the DOD, State Department and Of-

fice of Homeland Security.
"We don't know who those 80

"Yet in all that time, the leadership in the House ... was not in-formed, not told of any of this." If lawmakers had been told, "I

don't think we would have pushed back at all," he said.

Republican members of the committee pressed Hagel on the threat created by releasing the five Taliban prisoners, who have been held in Cuba for 13 years.

Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va., said the fighters were important leaders-the equivalent of the Taliban secretaries of defense, intelligence and interior — who could return to the fight and bolster the insurgency in Afghanistan.

"Does this mean you would put American lives at risk to go after them?" Forbes said. "Would we put American lives at risk if they rejoined the fight?"

Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., said there has been "shock and out-rage" among his constituents over the Obama administration's decision to release Taliban fighters who sheltered al-Qaida following the terrorist attacks on the U.S. in 2001.

"The thought that these people would be released was just unthinkable to the people I talked to vesterday." Wilson said.

He said the decision is important given recent developments in Iraq, where militants have captured Mosul and Tikrit, and are exerting increased influence despite a decadelong U.S. war there.

Some worried renewed violence could break out in Afghanistan, especially after the Obama administration carries out a planned drawdown beginning at the end of the year.

"My Marines at Camp Lejeune quite frankly are tired of going to Afghanistan and getting their legs blown off," said Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C.

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## **MIDEAST**

# **Clock ticking for Afghanistan's air force**

## As US prepares to leave, trainers scramble to ready fledgling force

By HEATH DRUZIN Stars and Strines

KABUL - For Air Commodore David Cooper, time is running out. The British Royal Air Force of-

ficer has the unenviable task of making the tiny Afghan air force self-sustaining by the end of the

"Because we're unsure about what's going to happen after 2014 and we can make no assumptions, we have to put as much as we can into this year," said Cooper, di-rector of air operations for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan

The re-establishment of the Afghan air force got a late start in comparison with the country's army and national police, as the ISAF focused on building the country's ground capabilities to combat an entrenched Taliban

#### Rebuilding from scratch

Afghanistan's air force dates to the 1920s, reaching its zenith during the 1980s Soviet occupation with nearly 500 fighter planes bombers, transport aircraft and helicopter gunships

In the 1990s, the air force became inactive and its aircraft fell into disuse. The fleet was finally destroyed by U.S. bombing in

When the corps was reformed, it had to start from scratch.

Now, the ISAF is scrambling to train a core group of pilots, maintenance crews and personnel who

without foreign help.
"That level of investment over that amount of time has not been put into the Afghan air force for a whole host of reasons," Cooper said. "It's less mature ... and we have to recognize that, but what we can't do is leave the Afghan air force at the end of 2014 unable to sustain itself."

Unlike in Iraq, where the U.S. inherited a cadre of experienced pilots to form into a new national force, in Afghanistan international trainers had to start from the beginning in the midst of a war. While the ISAF's combat mission is ending in a few months, the war in Afghanistan, now mostly be tween Afghan forces and insurgents, seems nowhere near over,

making a viable air force crucial.

"No one's ever been asked in history to build an air force while fighting and flying," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. John Michel, commander of the NATO Air Training Command in Air Trainir Afghanistan.

Many experts are concerned about the ability of the Afghan National Security Forces to stand on their own against an en-



airport's jetways, are 16 per-fectly intact twin-propeller C-27J

planes, all of which were ground-ed for good after the U.S. canceled

the plane contract because of lack

of parts and maintenance.
The C-27Js, purchased in 2008, replaced a fleet of Antonov An-32

tactical transports the Afghans had successfully used.

The scrapping of the fleet was a major setback for an air force

that, with the ISAF's withdrawal

is getting less and less air support

from its international allies. Late

last year, the Afghan air force ac-quired two C-130s, a larger four-

propeller transport plane, but its

pilots must be accompanied by an ISAF mentor in the cockpit.

Leaving

Afghanistan

An Afghan air force crew prepares a Russian-built Mi17 helicopter for a flight at a military base attached All August all increase the property of a light at a finitely base dual to Kabul International Airport. Afghanistan's tiny air force had to be built from scratch after the U.S. invasion in 2001. Trainers are scrambling to get the force self-sufficient by the end of the year.

## Flying on its own

The Afghan government is working to build its own Air Force. Here is a look at the aircraft currently in its inventory











**2** C-130s

trenched insurgency, especially if they must do so with meager air

### Planning, funding gap

Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and Interna-tional Studies chided the ISAF for its lack of planning for building the Afghan air force

"There is no indication of how the Afghans could manage air assets effectively, or deal with the problem of civilian casualties," according to his report, released in April.

President Barack Obama has said all foreign troops will leave Afghanistan by 2016, a timeline that has many in the Afghan air force and across the security ser-

Adorning the office of Afghan air force Gen. Mohammad Barat, who commands the Kabul Air Wing, is an aspirational paint-ing. It show Afghan MiG fighter iets downing enemy aircraft in a fierce dogfight. Barat knows those capabilities are years away, and he's counting on the international community to continue funding the air force for many

'The Afghan air force is becoming empowered, but to expand its power it needs money and it needs more time, because to train a pilot takes two to three years," Barat said.

Transport has been a struggle for the Afghan air force — get-ting troops to the battlefield and getting the dead and wounded off it in a timely manner. The force has fewer than 60 transport helicopters to serve a fighting force of about 350,000 that has taken heavy casualties while assum-ing most of the war's day-to-day

#### \$600M boondoggle

The casualties of a \$600 million plan to build up the Afghan air force's transport capabilities sit next to Kabul International Airport. There, visible from the

But Afghan air force officials have plenty to say about the pro-gram. They say they were not consulted on the purchase and that the planes should never have been bought in the first place. They have numerous stories of close calls, with fires breaking out midflight, engines going out and planes depressurizing, causing passengers to lose consciousness. "We were worried the C-27s

would eat some of our pilots," said Afghan air force spokesman Col. Mohammad Bahadur Raeeskheb.

For now, the Afghan air force relies largely on a fleet of 58 Russian Mi17 helicopters and 26 single-engine Cessna 208 planes for most of its transport needs. It hones to receive two more C-130s in the coming months.

Critics have pointed out that the C-130s are more complex and therefore more expensive to maintain and operate than the C-27Js — which proved more than match for the Afghans. The C-130s also are four times more expensive to operate than the discarded An-32s.

One thing the Afghan air force is sorely missing is ground-attack capabilities, with just five Russian Mi35 helicopter gunships. Barat. the Kabul Air Wing commander, said the air force relies on the ISAF to pay for maintenance of its five attack helicopters, much of which is carried out in Rus-Still, they can't keep the five Mi35s in the air because of a lack of spare parts.

Instead of close air support. the ISAF has focused on improving the army's use of mortars to provide cover for ground troops, knowing that any serious attack capabilities — let alone fighter jets — are years away. For now, most air support and surveil-lance is provided by ISAF, and the potential loss of that has many worried.

"We need someone to keep supporting us." said Afghan air force Col. Rahmatullah Mirzaye, 46, a long-serving helicopter pilot. "We are not afraid of any situation; we can do our job, but we need continued support.

Zubair Babakarkhail contributed to this

report. druzin.heath@stripes.com Twitter: @Druzin\_Stripes ISAF officials are leery of dis-cussing the C-27 debacle. "It's



Afghan air force personnel perform maintenance on a helicopter while under the watch of Czech advisors.

# Air Force offers fixes to nuclear force issues

By Jon Harper Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — At a time who budgets are shrinking and headquarters staffs are being pared back, the Air Force wants to upgrade Global Strike Command from a three-star to a four-star billet and add 1,100 people to the organization, the service announced last month.

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James proposed the change to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, which would require congressional approval.

Air Force and Defense Department leaders are putting a renewed emphasis on the nuclear enterprise following a major cheating scandal involving missile launch officers, as well as indications of low morale among airmen in the nuclear field.

"This important mission in the Air Force deserves the highest level of leadership oversight similar to our other operational core mission areas," James said in a news release.

Service leaders also want to:

- Make the Air Force assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration a three-star rather than a two-star position.
- Put more midlevel officers

into the missile squadrons as assistant operations officers to serve in between the lieutenant colonel squadron commander and lieutenants and captains who perform the alert mission.

- Offer new incentives to missileers. Effective Oct. 1, new missileers will be eligible for accession bonus pay, and the service will offer targeted incentive pay for airmen working outside the main base
- Create a new Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal for outstanding airmen. James

has already approved this move.

These proposals will be worked on over the next several months, according to the Air Force.

The Air Force did not provide full details about the increase in the number of airmen within Global Strike Command. But part of the bump will go toward increasing manning levels "to address shortfalls and offer our airmen a more stable work schedule and better quality of life," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III said in the news release.

The proposed upgrades and personnel increases come at a time when Hagel ordered all of the services to cut their headquarters staff by 20 percent by 2019. Hagel's directive was part of a larger Pentagon effort to save money at

a time of budget austerity. James has said that the Air Force plans to reach that target as early as next year.

Some outside experts doubt that upgrading the status of the top officers will improve things much.

"I think the point of these changes is to both elevate the significance of the nuclear mission compared to other fields, and [to] give the career field a stronger voice in the senior level debates over allocation of resources and manpower. But I think they are mostly symbolic, and it's not clear how much new authority these bumps will convey, former missileer Brian Weeden told Stars

and Stripes in an email.

"There are already plenty of three-stars and four-stars around, and creating a couple of new ones to represent the missileers is not going to have that big of an impact." Weeden said. "This change would seem to go against the recent push to reduce the number of general officers and reduce staffs. More high-ranking generals means more hureaucrave."

But Clark Murdoch, a nuclear weapons expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies who previously worked in the Office of the Air Force Chief of Staff, said upgrading Global Strike Command to a four-star billet is a significant ste

"There's no question that being one of the four-stars gives you a seat at the Corona table where [all] the four-stars meet for leadership issues ... The decision to give a fourth star to the commander of Global Strike [Command] is an indication that the Air Force is giving the nuclear mission the same attention that it's givine to conven-

tional missions," Murdoch said.
"When you move somebody
from a three-star to a four-star, it
changes the decision forum that
they're eligible to sit in, [and] it
changes the way their peers look at
them because they're a peer now,
not one level below," according to
Murdoch. 'Ti is a status thing, but
status matters in the military."

Still, Murdoch said giving the commander of Global Strike Command a fourth star won't guarantee that the organization will get what it wants or needs.

"It will help them fight for resources, but again, there's always a competition for resources ... Some 600-pound gorillas are bigger than other 600-pound gorillas, even though they all have four stars. That's always the case. But any four-star gorilla is bigger than a three-star gorilla is bigger than

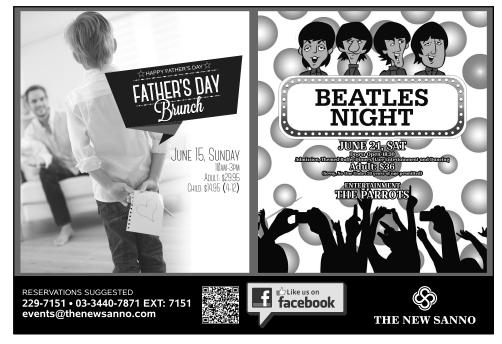
Defense officials have been seeking to counter the belief expressed by some missileers that they aren't valued as highly as other specialists in an era where a massive nuclear war with Russia isn't considered a realistic possibility.

"This is our most critically important mission, and these personnel actions show that," Welsh

Weeden offered a different perspective.

"I think the new incentives will help with overall morale and are a step in the right direction, Weeden said. "[But] I don't think [all of these planned changes] really get at the heart of the iss The root cause [of the problems in the nuclear enterprise] is the changing role of nuclear deter-rence in U.S. national security. It currently plays a much different role from where it was during the Cold War and has taken a backseat to issues like counterterrorism and nonproliferation. Yet the mantra from the leadership is that nothing has changed and it's still the top national security priority. Until there is top-level recognition of this change in role, I think continuing to insist that the world hasn't changed is going to be an ongoing issue that may continue to cause problems down the road."

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# White supremacist fliers found on Fort Carson

Propaganda fliers for Northwest Front, a self-described white separatist organization, have been found on Fort Carson, Colo., and turned over to authorities, the Army Times reported Tuesday.

Law enforcement officials are investigating, post spokeswoman Dani Johnson told the Times.

The fliers, posted to Reddit early Tuesday, urge troops to join the group's drive to create a "white nation" in the Pacific Northwest "secure the existence of our people and a future for White children.

"Ever wonder if you are fighting for the right side?" says one flier, which accuses the Pentagon of targeting white men and

The Army Times noted that a Reddit user who describes himself as a paratrooper, jhb2wr, posted to Reddit saying he and some other paratroopers "found about a dozen sealed plastic bags blowing around Fort Carson with this flyer and a CD inside."

Reddit users responded, urging the soldier to turn the fliers in to into a computer for fear of computer viruses.

Current and former members of the military have long been coveted by neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups for their tactical skills and ideological beliefs, and efforts to recruit them are nothing new, scholar Brian Levin told the

"It's like, do the Yankees want a great pitcher?" said Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University. "Neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups are happy to have people commit acts of violence in the name of their ideology without being a cardcarrying member of their group
—lone wolves," Levin said.

What was unusual to Levin was the discovery of the fliers on the post rather than in the surrounding community, which suggests to him the fliers were distributed by a servicemember with ties to or leanings toward the group. Others on Reddit noted they could have been tossed onto the post.



This image from Reddit.com shows some of the contents of fliers found on Fort Carso Colo. A soldier stationed there was advised by fellow Reddit users to turn the fliers in to

## Cowpens leadership relieved of command

By SETH ROBSON

The commanding officer of the USS Cowpens and his senior enlisted adviser have been relieved because of a loss of confidence in their work and leadership, accord-

ing to a Navy news release.

The guided-missile cruiser's commander, Capt. Gregory W. Gombert, and command master chief, Master Chief Petty Officer Gabriel J. Keeton, were relieved by Rear Adm. Michael Smith, com mander of Carrier Strike Group 3, on Tuesday, officials said.

The pair were relieved because of a loss of confidence in their 'ability to effectively lead and carry out their assigned duties," the Navy said. The loss of confidence stems

from the results of a series of inspections after the San Diego based ship's return from deployment to the Western Pa-cific. Gombert and Keeton have been temporarily reassigned, and an investigation is underway, the news release said Gombert is the third command-

er of the Cowpens to be relieved since 2010.

In January 2010, Capt. Holly Graf was removed from command of the ship — then home-ported at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan — after an inspector general report substantiated ethical breaches, dereliction of duty, assault of her crew and other misdeeds.

In February 2012, Capt. Robert Marin, a married officer, was relieved of command of the Cowpens after another officer reported that Marin was having an affair with his wife, a base worker at Yokosuka.

Despite the upheaval, the Cow-pens, which was the first ship to launch missiles at the start of the Iraq War, has participated in numerous operations in the Pacific, including tsunami relief in Japan in 2011 and typhoon relief in the Philippines last year.

December, the ship was forced to change course to avoid hitting a Chinese military vessel in the South China Sea. Chinese media reported that the Cowpens had been tailing the newly built aircraft carrier Liaoning, but U.S. officials blamed the incident on aggressive maneuvers by the

Capt. Robert B. Chadwick II will assume temporary duties as the Cowpens' commander, and Mas-ter Chief Petty Officer Richard J. Putnam will temporarily assume duties as command master chief. officials said

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### **Army vet: Benefits** are too generous

A retired lieutenant colonel who spent much of his time in the Army Reserve makes the case that for him and many like him in the "logistics tail." the benefits package in retirement is too generous

As a 28 year veteran of the US Air Force - I agree completely. .. There should be some way to identify the people who

really experienced combat or separation and give them the full benefits.

#### - CharlesHouston

Return your undeserved retirment to the Treasury and then you can feel good about yourself, but as for the majority of retirees you DO NOT speak for them.

#### — Culdees2020

If [the author] believes that his benefits as a military Retiree are too generous, I suggest that he tell the Government to cut his retirement pay by 50% and increase his TRICARE Standard co-payment to 50%. ... There are some people that only look at their own well-to-do situation and forget that there are Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen, and their surviving spouses who truly need the TRICARE support.

## Lawrence Applebaum

There is always going to be that argument that many sacrifice more and do more. ... The hard question is how do you compensate for that without creating the haves and haves

- IMS

I was just wondering how a liberal back office weeney believes he is the the self appointed spokesperson for the retired military community? - todd007

He doesn't claim to be speaking for all who served. He makes a point to differentiate whose who serve in combat arms from those who are not required to be combatants.

- day in the sun

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# **Families ID 4 soldiers**

Four U.S. soldiers killed in the Monday friendly-fire airstrike in Afghanistan have

been identified in media reports.

A soldier from Illinois who deployed to Afghanistan a month after his father died and a soldier from Ohio who was engaged to be mar-ried were among the five Americans killed.

The Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wash. reported Wednesday that a soldier from Sprague, Wash., was also among those killed. Also, the website of television station KTLA

in California reported that a 24-year-old Pasadena native was killed.

Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said the five American troops were killed Monday "during a security operation in southern Afghanistan." Officials said an airstrike was called in after the unit was ambushed by the Taliban. It was one of the deadliest friendly-fire incidents in nearly 14 years

Pvt. Aaron Toppen, 19

Family members of Toppen remembered him Tuesday as a kindhearted man who had aspired to a career in the military or law enforcement.

"Aaron was predisposed to serve. He was very keen to be in the military," his uncle, Jack Winter, said. "He was quite proud to be there.

It was the second death of a loved one for the family this year. Toppen, from the Illinois city of Mokena, about 40 miles southwest of Chicago, was set to leave for Afghanistan in February. But his gravely ill father died that month, and he stayed for the funeral. He deployed in March.

Toppen was a graduate of Lincoln-Way East High in Frankfort, Ill. He was the youngest of

Spc. Justin Helton, 25

Helton had been in the Army since 2010 but had been in Afghanistan for only about two months, according to cousin Mindy Helton. It was his first deployment, and he expected to be home in about six months, she said

She said her cousin specialized in dealing with explosives and was based out of Fort Bragg, N.C. She also said he was engaged. His parents live in Beaver, a two-hour drive east of Cincinnati.

The 2006 graduate of Beaver's Eastern High School was known to friends and family as Buck and was a quiet leader, Robert Day, his high school baseball coach, told WCMH-TV in Columbus.

Cpl. Justin Clouse, 22

Clouse was remembered Tuesday as a quiet leader with a big heart.

"On the outside, he looked like a big, mean tough guy," said Chad Prewitt, who taught high school and coached basketball while Clouse attended Sprague High School. "When you got to know him, he was really a gentle

Tina Clouse said her son enlisted in the Army about a year after he graduated from Sprague High School in 2010 and was on his cond tour in Afghanistan.

He planned to get married shortly after he finished his service next May and talked about using his military benefits to study engineering with the hope of eventually working in the oil business.

. . . Staff Sgt. Scott Studenmund, 24 Studenmund died Monday, Flintridge Preparatory School Headmaster Peter Bachmann



U.S. Army Pvt. Aaron Toppen's uncle, Jack Winter, holds a photo of his nephew Tuesdat the Toppen family home in Mokena, III.

said in an email sent to the school community

Tuesday.
"It is with heartbreak that I confirm that Scott Studenmund '08 was killed in Afghanistan on Monday, June 9, during military engagement," Bachmann wrote.

Friends were seen arriving with flowers to offer condolences at the family home in Pasa-dena, Calif., on Tuesday afternoon. A U.S. flag in front of the home was at half-staff.

Studenmund was a Green Beret, family members said in a note provided to KTLA at

## Notable friendly-fire incidents in Afghanistan

By ROBERT H. REID Stars and Stripes

Technological advancements have sharply reduced the risk of friendly-fire incidents, but they haven't succeeded in completely lifting the fog of war.

Here are some examples of notable friendly-fire incidents in Afghanistan since the war erupted in 2001 following the 9/11 attacks in the United States:

#### Karzai's narrow escape

During the early months of the Afghan War, Afghanistan's future president, Hamid Karzai, slipped into the country with hundreds of followers and a team of U.S. special operators to organize resistance against the Taliban in the As his forces approached Kandahar, Karzai's followers came under strong Taliban at-Following three days of fighting, Karzai's special forces escorts called in U.S. airstrikes.

Due to confusion over the coordinates, one jet dropped ordnance so close to Karzai's position that three U.S. special operators were killed and Karzai was injured. Nevertheless, Karzai's fighters held their position and eventually negotiated a Taliban withdrawal from Kandahar.

## Operation Anaconda

Three months after the Taliban fled Kabul, U.S. and allied forces launched Operation Anaconda against insurgents regrouping in the Shah-i-Kot Valley of Paktia province south of Kabul near the Pakistan border. At the time it was the largest allied ground operation of the war, designed to trap a large insurgent force by seizing high ground above militant-held villages in the valley below.

But the operation ran into problems from the start. As a convoy of Afghan and U.S. special operators moved into position, the failure of an internal navigation system confused the crew of an AC-130 gunship, which opened fire against what it mistakenly thought was the enemy. The leader of the convoy, Chief War-rant Officer Stanley Harriman, was killed and several U.S. and Afghan troopers were wounded. The misfire was among a number of problems that plagued the 17day battle, which ended with Taliban and al-Qaida fighters fleeing to Pakistan after suffering heavy losses. Eight Americans were killed in action and 82 wounded.

#### Canadians under fire

On April 18, 2002, a U.S. F-16 jet dropped a 500-pound bomb on Canadian troops of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry during a night firing exercise at Tarnal Farms near Kandahar, thinking they were the enemy. Four Canadians were killed and eight others wounded. The attack severely strained relations between the U.S. and Canada, which blamed the American crew for the deaths. After a lengthy investigation, the pilot pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty and was forced to retire. The four Canadians killed received posthumous U.S. medals.

#### Pat Tillman

Pat Tillman became a national hero when he gave up a \$3.6 million NFL contract to join the Army after 9/11. On April 22, 2004, Tillman was killed in a firefight in Khost province. The military initially reported he died in an ambush by Taliban forces and the command recommended him for a Silver Star, even though documents released later indicated the brass was aware of doubts about the official version.

An Army Special Operations Command investigation later established that he died when two U.S. units opened fire on each other and no hostile forces were involved. His family has complained for years that the full story of his death was never revealed.

#### Kunduz airstrike

On the night of Sept. 3, 2009, Taliban fighters hijacked two fuel trucks near the northern city of Kunduz. The German commander feared the vehicles might be used as truck bombs against his forces nearby and called for an airstrike. U.S. Air Force F-

15E Strike Eagles reported large crowds had gathered around the trucks but German intelligence reportedly believed all were combatants. Many turned out to be civilians invited by the Taliban to loot fuel from the vehicles.

The jets struck at 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 4, unleashing huge fireballs that incinerated as many as 140 people, including about 100 civilians according to German investigators. The attack came at a time when Karzai was complaining bitterly about civilian deaths due to combat operations and was strongly criticized within the U.S.-led coalition and in Germany, where public support for the war was shaky. Three senior German civilian defense officials resigned weeks later. The German commander was replaced but was promoted to brigadier general three years later.

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Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson, 3rd Air Force commander, salutes a unit commander during the 3rd Air Force assumption-of-command ceremony Wednesday at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

# Roberson back at Ramstein to lead 3rd AF

By Jennifer H. Svan Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany - Peering out onto the sunlit flight line from the podium inside the open hangar, Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson found himself on familiar ground Wednesday.

"This is full circle for me." Roberson said in his first remarks as the new 3rd Air Force command-er, "My very first assignment with the United States Air Force was right here, to Ramstein, as a young lieutenant flying the F-4

right out there."

The Phantoms have long since departed Ramstein. And while the Cold War, a part of Rober-son's early Air Force days, has long since thawed, these are busy times for airmen in Europe and Africa, said Gen. Frank Gorenc, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa. As Roberson's new boss, Gorenc presided over Roberson's assumption-of-command ceremony.

"The Air Force has yet another

outstanding leader in its bullpen,' Gorene said

Roberson, recently awarded a third star, was nominated in April to lead 3rd Air Force, a process set in motion when Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin stepped down from the job at the end of January. Franklin retired in a storm of controversy generated by his decision to overturn a military jury's sexual assault conviction of Lt. Col. James Wilkerson.

The command's vice commander, Maj. Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, filled the gap until Roberson arrived. Air Force officials said. Everhart, also selected for promotion to lieutenant general, will be 18th Air Force commander at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Roberson thanked Everhart

for "holding down the fort for the

last four months," the tail end of what's been a busy two years for 3rd Air Force, according to Gorenc.

From supporting French operations in Mali to, most recently, de-ploying assets to eastern Europe amid rising Ukraine-Russia ten-sions, the airmen of 3rd Air Force "performed brilliantly,"

Gorenc said.
"Your response to the Ukrainian crisis enabled numerous forces to be deployed for essentially a no-notice" tasking to Poland "to deter potential adversaries and to reinforce our commitment to NATO," he told the command's airmen at the ceremony.

the ceremony.

The 3rd Air Force directs air operations for USAFE-AFAF-RICA from its headquarters at Ramstein.

As leader of the command. Roberson said his focus will be readiness.
"With sequestration and contin-

ued reductions in manpower and funding, we're going to work hard to stay on top of this," he said.

Besides his first lieutenant days at Ramstein, Roberson had two other Germany assignments, both at Spangdahlem Air Base, where he was 52nd Fighter Wing commander.

Roberson, a graduate of the U.S Air Force Academy, is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours, including 865 combat hours, according to his Air Force biography. He's flown the F-15E/ G, F-16C/CJ and the F-22, as well as the F-4. He's also served in a variety of jobs for the Air Force, from Thunderbird air demonstration pilot to a congressional fellow on Capitol Hill. His last assignment was as the vice director on the Joint Staff in Washington. "I am so happy to be here," Rob-

erson said.

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## VA health care bills on fast track; FBI's help requested

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is moving with what one senator called "lightning speed" to help thousands of military veterans enduring long wait times for VA medical care

The Senate was poised to vote by Thursday on a measure mak-ing it easier for veterans who have encountered delays getting initial visits to receive VA-paid treat-ment from local doctors instead. The measure closely resembles a bill approved unanimously

Tuesday in the House, prompting optimism that a compromise version could be on its way soon to President Barack Obama for his signature.

'Maybe we can show the United States of America that people can come together on a very, very important issue and do it in rapid fashion," said Sen. Bernie Sand-ers, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

The legislative effort comes as

a federal law enforcement official said the Justice Department has formally asked the FBI to review materials provided by the Veterans Affairs inspector general. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss an ongoing criminal investigation on the record.

Richard Griffin, the VA's acting inspector general, issued a scathing report that confirmed allegations of excessive waiting time at VA hospitals and inappropriate scheduling practices. The report, which followed claims that 40 patients died while awaiting care at a Phoenix hospital where employees kept a secret waiting list to cover up delays, found that 1,700 veterans seeking treatment at the Phoenix facility were at risk of being "forgotten or lost."

While the Justice Department has not undertaken a full-fledged investigation, the request for FBI involvement represents an esca-

criminal conduct by VA employees. FBI Director James Comey had previously said that the FBI had not been asked to partici-pate in any investigation. But the law enforcement official said Wednesday the situation has now changed.

The VA, which serves almost 9 million veterans, has been reeling from mounting evidence that workers falsified reports on wait times for medical appointments. An internal audit released this week showed that more than 57,000 new applicants for care have had to wait at least three months for initial appointments and an additional 64,000 newly enrolled vets who requested appointments never got them

The House and Senate bills each would spend millions of dollars to hire more doctors and nurses, but that may be easier said than done, given a nationwide shortage of primary care physicians.



# **Did immigration doom Cantor?** Survey: More older

By Erica Werner

WASHINGTON — Immigration may have cost Majority Leader Eric Cantor his election. His surprise defeat almost certainly dooms the issue in the U.S. House of Representatives, meaning it likely won't emerge again ANALYSIS until after the 2016 presidential election.

The second-most powerful Republican in the chamber was supposed to cruise to victory in Tuesday's Republican primary over Dave Brat, an underfunded political novice and economics professor.
Immigration advocates were

watching intently, hoping that if his winning margin was big enough, Cantor would feel free to approve action on immigration legislation in the House.

Instead Cantor lost, decisively, after a campaign in which Brat made immigration the central issue. Brat accused Cantor of embracing "amnesty" and open bor-ders, signed an anti-immigration pledge and got assists in recent weeks from conservative figures popular with conservative tea party voters.

Cantor fought back, boasting in strongly worded fliers mailed to voters of shutting down plans to grant "amnesty" to "illegal aliens" — a changed tone for a lawmaker who'd spoken out in favor of citizenship for immigrants brought illegally to this country as youths.

He hardened his stance, moving to block House action last month on a Republican-authored measure offering citizenship to certain immigrants in the U.S. illegally who serve in the military.

It wasn't enough. Establishment Republicans have been pushing support for an immigration overhaul as the best way for their party to win back the Latino voters crucial to na-



PHOTOS BY STEVE HELDED/AP

Above: Immigration reform supporters crash the primary night party of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., after he delivered a concession speech in Richmond on Tuesday. Cantor lost in the GOP primary to tea party candidate Dave Brat. During the campaign, Brat accused Cantor, left, of embracing "amnesty" and open borders.

in the House this year.

"It's really dead now," said Roy Beck, president of Numbers USA, a group that opposes comprehen-sive immigration legislation.

Some immigration advocates and pollsters cautioned it was too soon to say whether immigration was the deciding factor for Cantor. David Winston, a pollster who advises House Republicans, said that had Cantor known he was truly threatened, he would have campaigned differently, Instead. Cantor's internal polling had shown him comfortably ahead.

Immigration advocates also noted that Republican candidates who embraced immigration leg-islation escaped their primaries

unscathed, Sen. Lindsey Graham, an author of the comprehensive immigration reform bill that passed the Senate last year with bipartisan support, won his primary Tuesday.

Cantor's loss was such a stunning rebuke for a politician seen as next in line to be speaker of the House that it immediately emboldened conservative opponents of immigration legislation. In the year since the Senate passed a comprehensive immigration bill House Republicans have resisted the entreaties of the business community religious leaders and the Republican Party establishment on immigration. That doesn't look likely to change anytime soon.

# 2014 voters favors GOP

By Christopher Ingraham The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Democrats could be facing a major turnout gan this fall

Simply put, the more supportive you are of Barack Ohama's job performance, the less likely you are to show up at the midterm elections this year. A new survey from the Public Religion Research Institute and The Brookings Institution quantifies the extent of that relationship among various demographic groups and may point to trouble for the Democrats.

Young voters are key players in the Democratic coalition and they generally approve of Obama's job performance, 54 percent. But they're the demographic group least likely to turn out this November - less than a quarter of 18-to-29-year-olds say they're "absolutely certain" they'll make it to the polls.

On the other hand, 70 percent of seniors are certain they'll be voting. Since they're more consistently conservative than any other age group, it's likely that many of them will be voting Republican.

Or, just look at the gap between Democrats and Republicans. Only 51 percent of Democrats say they're certain to vote this fall, compared with 68 percent of Republicans.

Across nearly every demographic category — age, race. gender, ideology — groups that lean Republican and tend to disapprove of Obama are significantly more likely to say they'll show up to vote this November

This isn't a new phenomenon midterm electoral demographics have historically favored Republicans. Democrats are acutely aware of the issue and are actively working to reshape the 2014 electorate along 2012 lines.

If these numbers are any indication, Democrats still have their work cut out for them. This year, Republicans are likely to add a few seats to their already comfortable House majority, and may be poised to take control of the Senate as well.



tional elections. Tuesday's result was a sobering setback.

Cantor's loss almost certainly ended whatever slim hopes re-mained for a deal on immigration

## Graham urges GOP unity after primary win

By MEG KINNARD The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — After his outright victory in Tuesday's GOP primary, a tearful U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham thanked his supporters for believing in him despite a six-way challenge to his conservative credentials

"To the people of South Carolina: Thank you," Graham said to those gathered at a downtown Columbia hotel, "I will not let you

The victory seemed personal to Graham, 58, who bested six tea party challengers who had cast him as not conservative enough for this heavily Republican state to avoid a runoff.

The two-term incumbent had about 56 percent of the vote in early returns, far more than what was needed to win outright. State Sen. Lee Bright came in second, with about 15 percent.

Graham, who has been in office since 2002, had a hefty fundraising advantage. He has raised more than \$12 million since his last re-election bid in 2008, while none of his opponents passed the \$1 million mark.

Although Graham had no trouble dispatching his tea party challengers and their attacks that he wasn't conservative enough, other longtime Republican lawmakers have not had such good fortune.

The conservatism didn't matter to Ben Lister, 48, a financial planner from Greenville who voted for the senator. Graham's opponents took several swipes at his willingness to work with Democrats, including his votes to confirm President Barack Obama's choices for the U.S. Supreme Court, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, both considered liberal justices.

"I know that some people are

saying he should be more conservative, but what does that mean? Lister asked. "I want a politician who actually thinks about the issues instead of going along with the crowd."

On Tuesday, Graham urged unity heading into the general election in the hopes of winning a GOP majority in the Senate.

"Let's come together in Novem-ber. I'm tired of losing," he said.

Democrats all the time. I want to say something positive about us." Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott won his primary by a wide mar-

gin, setting the stage for South Carolina to elect a black person to the Senate for the first time. Scott was appointed to the seat

"I'm tired of complaining about

in 2012 after Jim DeMint stepped



# **Calif.** court: Teacher tenure hurts students

By Linda Deutsch and Lisa Leff The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A first-of-itskind court ruling that concluded California's union-backed teacher tenure, layoff and dismissal laws infringe on students' rights to an equal public education adds fire to a debate over whether the job protections afforded professional educators are partly to blame for what ails the nation's schools, experts said.

A judge in Los Angeles on Tuesday sided with nine students wis sued to overturn the state statutes governing teacher hiring and firing, saying they served no compelling purpose and had led to an unfair, nonsensical system that drove excellent new teachers from the classroom too soon while allowing incompetent senior ones to remain.

The practices harm students in a way that "shocks the conscience" and have "a disproportionate burden on poor and minority students," Superior Court Judge Rolf Treu said in striking down the five laws as violations of the California

Similar civil rights arguments have been made in the past to challenge school desegregation and recently to contest inequities in school funding, but the California decision makes the first that a court has declared teacher tenure and related job guarantees unconstitutional, said William Koski, director of the Youth and Education Law Project at Stanford University.

"Nationally, this debate has been going on in state legislatures and state policy circles for a long time," Koski said.

"What has happened here is the reformers have decided that change isn't happening fast enough through the Legislature, and this does provide a template for how to bring this type of litigation and maybe get the courts to join the conversation."

The judge stayed his decision to allow for appeals that are likely to reach the California Supreme

If upheld, it would not directly affect the laws in New York, Minnesota, Pennsylvania or eight other states that like California base budget-related teacher layoffs solely on classroom seniority or in the six more where tenure drives the decisions about which teachers are let go.

Given California's size and the historical strength of its teacher unions, experts said it would none-heless fuel legislative debates, if not more litigation, over how teachers are evaluated, rewarded, retained and terminated. If that happens, it will be with the support of the Obama administration, which has encouraged states to make student test scores a feature of teacher evaluations.

"My hope is that today's decision moves from the courtroom toward a collaborative process in California that is fair, thoughtful, practical and swift," Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a statement Tuesday. "Every state, every school district needs to have that kind of conversation." Russlynn Ali, a former Department of Education assistant secretary for civil rights who was appointed by President Barack Obama, said the decision intensifies pressure on the unions and their Democratic allies in Sacramento to start working on reforms without waiting for the case to conclude. Ali serves as an adviser to Students Matter, the nonprofit group founded by Silicon Valley entrepreneur David Welch that spearheaded and financed the students' lawsuit.

"We have an opportunity now to put the bickering aside, to put the adult interests aside, and to focus solely on what's right for the kids of this state with this decision that will reverberate far outside our borders," Ali said.

## Tennessee whiskey battle rages

By Erik Schelzig

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — To many, Tennessee means whiskey. But inside the state, the question is: What does Tennessee whiskey

mean?

A battle between two worldwide liquor companies — owners of rival brands Jack Daniel's
and smaller rival George Dickel
— is being waged over who has the
right to label their drink as following authentic Tennessee style. It's
among the epicurean battles being
waged around the world over what
food and drink should carry special status as local and unique.

British-based liquor conglomerate Diago DLC opened a heat el legislative fight earlier this year aseking to overturn the state's newly established legal definition for Tennessee whiskey that has been championed by Jack Daniels, which is owned by Louisle, Ky-based Brown-Forman Corp. Among the new rules are requirements that whiskey must be aged in new, charred oak barred on the men that the state of the control of the contr

Jack Daniel's whiskey is made and aged in Tennessee. Diageo's George Dickel whiskey is also made in Tennessee but stored in neighboring Kentucky.

### Megachurch pastor new Southern Baptist leader

BALTIMORE — U.S. megachurch pastor the Rev. Ronnie Floyd was elected Tuesday to lead the country's Southern Baptists as the conservative denomination tries to turn around declining membership and faces increasing conflict with mainstream culture, especially over its conviction that gay sex is immoral.

Also on Tuesday, the nation's largest Protestant denomination approved a resolution opposing the idea that gender identity can be different from biological sex.

From The Associated Press



The owners of George Dickel

Tennessee whiskey are involved in a dispute over what constitutes Tennessee whiskey.

On Tuesday in a separate but related case, the Diageo subsidery George Dickel came out on top when state attorneys in Nashville abruptly dropped a complaint that Dickel had violated a state statute prohibiting the aging of Tennessee-made whiskey outside its obders. Dickel had challenged the statute in federal court, claimly it it violated laws on free interstate commerce.

The calm is likely to be shortlived, however. State lawmakers this summer are expected to return to the struggle of crafting the legal definition of Tennessee whiskey, whose history and lore is entwined in the state's identity as much as lobsters in Maine and crab cakes in Maryland.

The two distilleries located just 15 miles apart in southern Tennessee are hardly equals in the marketplace, with Jack Daniel's outselling Dickel by a ratio of 88 cases to one.

cases to one.

Jack Daniel's argues that the
state laws governing which products can be labeled Tennessee
whiskey will protect the category
against low quality knockoffs.
They say Diageo's motivation is
to undercut Jack Daniel's global
growth while its own flagship
brand, Johnnie Walker scotch,
stagnates.

Dickel's owners say they conform with the traditional methods laid out in the state law, but argue that new distillers in the state shouldn't be bound by state law to follow the old ways. Some observers believe a successful challenge of the storage statute could give way to a legal challenge of the overall Tennessee whiskey law.

The fight over labels on whiskey bottles comes amid a global drive to seek labeling protections by a smorgasbord of regional foods such as cheeses, hams and wines.

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# **Prosecutor: Seattle shooter was off meds**

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - The man charged with killing one student and wounding two others at a small Seattle college last week had stopped taking his medications because he "wanted to feel the hate." and he detailed his plans in a handwritten journal for two weeks before the attack, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

"I just want people to die, and I'm gonna die with them!" Aaron Ybarra wrote the day of the shooting, King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg said.

Satterberg released new details of the allegations as he filed attempted murder and assault against Ybarra, 26.

Authorities say Ybarra has been held without bail and is on suicide watch at the county jail since a student pepper-sprayed him and ended the rampage Thursday at Seattle Pacific University.

Ybarra's lawyer, Ramona Brandes, has said her client has a long history of mental issues but is aware of the trauma caused by the shooting and is sorry. She said Tuesday that no decision has been made yet on whether he will seek a mental illness defense.

"We have to look at his symptoms he manifested in the past, his treatment and his jail records illness arises to the level of a defense." Brandes told The Seattle Times

The journal, recovered by police from Ybarra's truck near the shooting, reflects Ybarra's admiration for the school shooters at Virginia Tech and Columbine High School but does not clearly explain why he targeted the Se-attle college, Satterberg said.

Ybarra considered other uni-- Washington State, Eastern Washington and Central Washington were mentioned - but apparently dismissed them because they were too far away,

the prosecutor said. Weeks before the shooting, cific, a private Christian college in a leafy neighborhood north of downtown. He remarked on how friendly and helpful the academic counselor and students were who showed him around. Satterberg said. During the tour, Yharra learned the academic year would

soon end, solidifying his plans. Ybarra shot Paul Lee, 19, in the back of the head with a double-barreled shotgun outside Otto Miller Hall after Lee turned to run away, according to the charging docu ments. Some of the birdshot pellets struck another student. Thomas Fowler, several feet away.

He tried to shoot a woman nearby, but the gun misfired and able cause statement said

Ybarra then entered the building, encountering a man seated at a table, the statement said. Ybarra ordered the man not to disrespect him, but did not shoot, the detective wrote — instead turning the gun on student Sarah Williams, who was coming down some stairs. Williams remains hospitalized in satisfactory condition.

As Ybarra tried to reload, Jon Meis, a student building monitor, pepper-sprayed the gunman, grabbed the weapon and hid it in his office, the prosecutor said. Meis came back and helped another student hold the gunman down until police arrived.

## 'Saucer' launch delayed

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The U.S. space agency has postponed its plan to send a "flying saucer" into Earth's atmosphere to test technology that could be used to land on Mars.

NASA spokeswoman Shannon Ridinger said weather conditions caused Wednesday's launch of the saucer-shaped vehicle to be delayed. The next potential launch date is Saturday.

NASA has depended on the same parachute design to slow spacecraft after they enter the Martian atmosphere. But it needs a larger and stronger parachute if it wants to land heavier objects and astronauts.

After being launched via balloon from Hawaii, the vehicle will ignite its rocket engine and climb to 34 miles. It will slow itself down from supersonic speeds and unfurl a parachute for a water



A saucer-shaped test vehicle holding equipment for landing large payloads on Mars is shown in the Missile Assembly Building at the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii.

## 2 charged in puppy deaths in Tennessee

The Associated Press

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. - A woman and her estranged husband are facing animal cruelty charges after four dead puppies were found in their Clarksville home and eight emaciated dogs at her mother's home

The Leaf-Chronicle reported Nicole Hulbig and Eric Hulbig were arrested Thursday on four counts of aggravated animal cruelty after Montgomery County Animal Control officers discovered the decomposing puppies.

That investigation led authori-ties to check out the Sumner County property of Nicole Hulbig's mother, where they seized 39 dogs living in a barn. Authorities said the conditions of eight dogs led to the additional charges.

Both have been released on bond from the Montgomery Countv Jail. A jail official couldn't say if they have attorneys.

Nicole Hulbig is the founder of a nonprofit organization in Clarksville that claims to rescue dogs and train them for disabled

## Ore. school shooting: A scramble to the scene, then relief

By NIGEL DUARA AND JONATHAN J. COOPER The Associated Press

TROUTDALE, Ore. - They stopped in fire lanes, on medians, in spaces so tight one man wedged his sedan between two cars and climbed out of his sun roof. They double-, triple- or quadruple-parked, spilling into driveways and crosswalks, disregarding every traffic law.

The loved ones of the children at Reynolds High School in the Portland, Ore., suburb of Trout-dale knew that a student was shot to death during the second-to-last day of school. And they knew the shooter was dead.

They also knew that the 3,000 children who survived would be waiting for them at a grocery store

parking lot a mile away.

Details spilled out in fits and starts on Tuesday. The shooting started in a gym detached from the main school building. A 14-year-old boy named Emilio Hoffman was fatally shot in the boys' locker room. Physical education teacher Todd Rispler also was in the gym and was grazed by a bul-let. He escaped serious injury and managed to alert school officials of the shooter

"This is a lockdown," the school announced over the speaker sys-tem, according to junior Andrea Chanocua. "This is not a drill."

Locked in a classroom, sopho-more Dominic Senarsky, 16, said he followed the police response by listening to scanner traffic with a phone app. "I was scared, because we were listening directly to it, so we knew everything that was going on," he said. The shooting broke out as the

school day started and students prepared to take final exams. Senarsky was studying for his test in health class when he heard teachers velling to get into a

"I didn't think this was how was going to end the year," he

Nearby, in the grocery store parking lot, parents waited for

three hours or more. Details were frustratingly thin.

Chanocua, 16, didn't bring a cellphone to school. Her mother saw the commotion on television, but doesn't speak English, so she was at a loss until her sister-inlaw, Laurie Garcia, came home from work.

Garcia rushed to the parking lot and waited, along with hundreds of others. Once the school buses of students started arriving, par-ents craned their necks to see who stepped off.

The first students spilled off the buses around 11 a.m. They were crying or smiling through tears, some with eyes shut tight or shocked wide open.

The thing they all shared was a look, even for a moment, of happy recognition. Then the kids col-lapsed into their parents' waiting arms, accepted a grateful backslap or shrugged their shoulders and grinned with embarrassment.

Chanocua was happy to find her

"You're OK," Laurie Garcia said, who grabbed and pulled Cha-nocua to her. "You're OK." In the aftermath, the governor

called the violence senseless, the Troutdale mayor praised the police response, and the school dis-trict superintendent said she had once hoped she could get through her career without a school

## WORLD

# Iraqi militants seize Tikrit as siege advances

By Sameer N. Yacoub The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Al-Oaida-inspired militants seized effective control Wednesday of Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. expanding their offensive closer to the Iraqi capital as soldiers and security forces abandoned their posts following clashes with the insurgents.

Fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant took control a day earlier of much of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, in a major blow to the authority of the country's Shiite government. An estimated half-million residents fled the economically important city.

Residents reached by telephone in Sunni-dominated Tikrit said the Sunni militant group had taken over several police stations They spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of their safety.

Two Iraqi security officials confirmed Tikrit was under the control of the ISIL, and said the provincial governor was missing. The officials insisted their names not be used because they weren't authorized to release the information. Tikrit, the capital of Salahuddin province, is 80 miles north of Baghdad.

The fall of Mosul and Tikrit puts Islamist militants in control of two major cities where American forces fought bloody battles to subdue Sunni insurgents and where the U.S. stationed thousands of troops until the U.S. military withdrew in 2011.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said the massive security failure in Sunni-dominated Ninevah province that allowed militants to seize Mosul was the result of a "conspiracy," and that those members of the security forces who fled rather than stand up to the militants should be punished.

He stopped short of assigning direct blame, however, choosing to focus instead on plans to fight back - without detailing the specifics.

Today, the important thing is that we are working to solve the situation," a stern-faced al-Maliki said. "We are making preparations and we are regrouping the armed forces that are in charge of clearing Ninevah from those terrorists.

The stunning assault by the al-Qaida-inspired group saw black banner-waving insurgents raid government buildings, push out security forces and capture military vehicles as residents fled for

Mosul is the capital of Ninevah province. It and the neighboring Sunni-dominated province of Anbar share a long and porous border with Syria, where the Islamic State is also active.

Ninevah governor Atheel al-Nujaifi told reporters that "Mosul is capable of getting back on its feet and getting rid of all the outsiders," and said authorities planned to mobilize residents into popular militias that would play a role in retaking the city.
The Sunni militants also gained

entry to the Turkish consulate in Mosul and held captive 48 people, including diplomats, police, consulate

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estimated 500,000 people fleeing from the city and surrounding areas, according to the International Organization for Migration.

Some simply crossed to the eastern bank of the Tigris River to avoid the worst of the fighting, while others made their way to the Ninevah countryside or sought refuge in the nearby semi-

autonomous Kurdish region. Getting into that area has grown trickier, however, with migrants without family members already in the enclave needing to secure permission from Kurdish authorities, according to the

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshvar Zebari said the fall of the major northern city to insurgents must push the country's leaders to work together and deal with the "serious, mortal threat" facing

Speaking on the sidelines of a diplomatic meeting in Athens, he said Iraqi troops and forces belonging to the Kurdish region's government could work together

to push the insurgents out.
"We can push back on the terrorists ... and there would be a closer cooperation between Bagh-



s fleeing from Mosul head to the self-ruled northern Kurdish region in Irbil, Iraq, 217 miles north of Baghdad, on Tuesday, after the city was overrun by Islamic militants.

dad and the Kurdistan Regional Government to work together and try to flush out these foreign fighters," he said.

Mosul residents reached Wednesday said gunmen went around knocking on their doors, reassuring locals they would not be harmed and urging civil servants to return to work. The situation appeared calm but tense. said the residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of concerns for their safety.

In an eastern section of the city, Ali Sameer, 34, said mosques in his neighborhood were calling on people to return to work, especially those in public services.

Mosul's fall was a heavy defeat for al-Maliki amid a widening insurgency by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The group has been advancing in both Iraq and neighboring Syria, capturing territory in a campaign to set up a militant enclave straddling the

Al-Maliki has pressed parliament to declare a state of emergency over the Mosul attack.

Echoing al-Maliki, Ninevah governor al-Nujaifi accused senior security force commanders of providing Baghdad with false information about the situation in Mosul and demanded they stand

Speaking from the northern Kurdish city of Irbil where he took refuge, he said smaller armed groups had joined the Islamic State during the fight for

control of the city. Violence raged elsewhere in Iraq on Wednesday.

Police and hospital officials said a suicide bomber set off his explosive belt inside a tent where tribesmen were meeting to solve a tribal dispute in Baghdad's Shiite Sadr City neighborhood, killing 24 and wounding 41

A car bomb struck Shiite pil-grims heading to the holy city of Karbala, killing four people and wounding 10, and another killed three people and wounded 12 in a town just south of Baghdad. All officials discussed the attacks on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak



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## Al-Qaida's back, as Romney argued

By David Ignatius

WASHINGTON he capture Tuesday of Mosul, the hub of northern Iraq, by al-Qaida-linked militants is an alarm bell that violent extremists are on the rise again in the Middle East. And it's a good time for President Barack Obama to explain more about how he plans to fight this menace without making the mistakes of the past.

Obama needs to alert the country to the renewed extremist threat partly to the record. Just 19 months ago, he won re-election arguing that his policies had vanquished the most dangerous core ele-ments of al-Oaida. But the organization has morphed, and deadly new battles are ahead

The campaign theme that the worst terrorist threat had been licked was vividly drawn in the third debate between Obama and Republican candidate Mitt Romney, on Oct. 22, 2012. Romney tried to shake Obama's optimistic narrative about al-Qaida. "It's really not on the run. It's certainly not hiding. This is a group that is now involved in 10 or 20 countries, and it presents an enormous threat to our friends, to the world, to America long term, and we must have a comprehensive strategy to help reject this kind of terrorism."

Obama countered Romney's statement with his basic campaign mantra: "We ended the war in Iraq, refocused our atention on those who actually killed us on 9/11. And as a consequence, al-Qaida's core leadership has been decimated." Obama scored points later in that debate when he dismissed Romney's concerns about Iraq. "What I would not have done is left 10,000 troops in Iraq that would tie us down. That certainly would not help us in the Middle East." The transcript records Romney sputtering back: "I'm sorry, you actually — there was a —

Obama had the better of that exchange, certainly for a war-weary America that a few weeks later gave him a new mandate. But looking back, which picture was closer

to the truth? Probably Romney's.

The return of al-Qaida isn't Obama's fault; there are too many complicated fac-tors at work here. But it helps explain the seething rage of many Republicans about Benghazi. They argue that the attack there on Sept. 11, 2012, which killed four Americans, was an early warning sign of rising chaos and extremism in the Middle East and that Obama made it through Election Day partly by minimizing this problem

Much of the GOP fury on Benghazi is misplaced, imagining conspiracies that don't exist and smearing the reputations of respected public servants. But there's a piece of the Benghazi critique that's real: Extremism is back and Benghazi was a

Ohama made a solid start in framing a new counterterrorism strategy in his gradnation address at West Point last month. 'Today's principal threat no longer comes from a centralized al-Qaida leadership. In stead it comes from decentralized al-Oaida affiliates and extremists," he said. He proposed a new Counterterrorism Partner-ships Fund of up to \$5 billion, "which will allow us to train, build capacity and facilitate partner countries on the front lines.

Good idea, but progress has been too slow. The administration is finally developing serious strategy for Syria, which will include a CIA-trained guerrilla army to fight both President Bashar Assad and al-Qaida extremists, In addition, (if skittish Arab allies agree), U.S. special operations forces will train Free Syrian Army units to create a stabilization force for liberated areas. If the ambitious plan moves forward, the hope is to train 9,600 fighters by the end of this year.

The extremist fire is burning hottest with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria which spans both countries. This group is so toxic that it's discovered by al-Qaida and is feuding with al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri. Senior U.S. intelligence officials tell me the ISIS is now recruiting fighters from some other affiliates, including the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and the Somali-based al-Shabab.

Al-Zawahri, cautious and uncharismatic, "is not coping very well," the intelligence official said. The true heir to Osama bin Laden may be ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who is "more violent, more virulent, more anti-American" than al-Zawahri, the official said.

The extremists are resurgent. After assuring America in 2012 that they were on the run, Obama now must frame a strong response that, as he rightly says, avoids the mistakes of Iraq and Afghanistan. That may be his real legacy issue.

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## Rand war-cost study not just history lesson

By Walter Pincus The Washington Post

WASHINGTON hat lessons should we have learned from Iraq and

Afghanistan? Put in current terms: Who wants to forecast the ultimate result of U.S commitments to increasing military and economic support for selected insurgents in Syria and the new government of President Petro Poroshenko in Ukraine?

President Barack Obama, backed by Congress, is making those critical moves. My questions about it all arose while I was reading a Rand Corp. paper released

last week: "Initial Thoughts on the Impact of the Iraq War on U.S. National Security

The United States, along with several allied countries, supported insurgents in Afghanistan in the 1980s who overthrew a Argnanistan in the 1980s who overthrew a Soviet-installed regime. Then Washington walked away. By 2001, Afghanistan was ruled by an extremist Taliban regime, sup-

portive of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the United States collaborated with some Afghan insurgents to oust the Taliban, and with other countries helped establish what was hoped to be a more democratic government. This time we stayed.

In 2003, Washington led another military coalition that ended the Iraqi dictatorship of Saddam Hussein and sought to install a more democratic system in Baghdad

By 2005, the United States found itself trying to remake the Kabul and Baghdad governments while fighting insurgents in both countries. In Iraq, about 4,500 Ameri-cans were killed and 32,000 wounded with direct costs of about \$830 billion — plus billions more to come from veterans' benefits. Afghanistan has seen 2.200 killed and 19,600 wounded, with a cost exceeding \$700 billion and counting

The two commitments expanded far beyond what was contemplated.

In Syria, the U.S. is again working with a group of nations in support of insurgents. But what will be Washington's responsibility if Bashar Assad is forced out and a new government emerges in Damascus? In Ukraine, we are giving support to its new government, which is facing armed, pro-Russia insurgents. Obama has offered financial support and recently announced \$5 million worth of body armor and nightvision goggles to go along with already provided ready-to-eat meals and funds for nonlethal assistance — including clothing,

sleeping bags and generators. What's next for the U.S. in Syria and Ukraine? As the Rand paper points out, U.S. intervention, whether supporting in-surgents or countering them, lead to unintended consequences. Speaking of support to Syrian groups fighting Assad's forces. the Rand paper says, "It remains to be seen how far the lessons of fighting insur-gents [as was done eventually in Iraq and is being done in Afghanistan] will go who it comes to the task of helping them topple their government."

The Rand paper focuses on several is-sues, starting with counterinsurgency

operations.
Whatever the U.S. military learned in the 1960s and 1970s in Vietnam about fighting insurgents was forgotten, requiring almost five years after the 2003 invasion of Iraq for the adoption of Gen. David Petraeus counterinsurgency doctrines. Transferred to Afghanistan, forms of the doctrines have become basic to the military.

One apparent post-Iraq outcome, according to Rand, is the avoidance of "largescale, prolonged stability operations" in favor of "small-scale contingency opera-tions," with a recognition that stability and counterinsurgency activities may be required after any combat against a major

One of the most effective counterinsurgency tools for the military, Rand said, was the Commander's Emergency Response Program, which — after some trial and error — allowed lower-level officers to use readily available funds "to repair battle damage, make condolence payments or start local reconstruction projects." Used to better results in Afghanistan, Rand believes CERP "will hopefully inform future missions should they arise."

One result from Iraq has been the

growth of military civil affairs units, but the biggest gainer for the future has been Special Operations Command, which has increased to almost 70,000 while the size of Pentagon's overall force levels decline.

Another effect of Iraq, according to Rand, is concern about combat casualties. While the fatalities have been far lower than in Korea or Vietnam, the ratio of wounded to killed was "higher than ever before, largely as a result of advances in battlefield medi-cal treatment." According to Rand, "these relatively low casualty rates may increase public expectations that future wars can and should be fought without losing large

numbers of U.S. troops." Cost is another factor. ... The Cost of War Project, based at Brown University, has projected veterans' benefits from the Iraq War alone could top \$450 billion. In the de cade since 2001, the Pentagon's base bud-get increased 40 percent in real terms, and ger increased 40 percent in real terms, and though it has dropped since its 2010 peak, it is higher than "defense spending during the Reagan administration, at least in real dollars," the Rand study said.

What costs are those advocating in-

creased intervention in Syria and Ukraine willing to pay in terms of casualties and

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## OPINION

## Clinton: a scribe who can defy decryption

By Margaret Carlson Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON

Ity Diane Sawyer and the rest
of us trying to mine a piece of
news or an interesting tidbit from
Hillary Rodham Clinton's "Hard

Hard, indeed. Finding something new is like looking for the vegan option at an Arkansas pig roast. Do you pick the revelation that Clinton thought the president was pulling her aside for advice when he just wanted her to know she had something caught in her teeth, or what about her becoming a grandmother?

Sawyer, in an interview for ABC News that aired Monday night, made a valiant effort to shake something fresh out of Clinton. She jumped on the delicate subject of Clinton being too old to be president. But the Clinton meachine was one step ahead of her, having chosen the only prominent female network correspondent older than Clinton for the first prime-time interview. Clinton chirped, "Isn't it great to be our age," as if they were extras in a Clalis commercial.

Clinton makes hard things look easier. She described how, over chardonay on their "first date," she and President Barack Obama buried the hatchet after the 2008 campaign. She agreed that he wasn't a sexist, and he agreed that Bill wasn't a racist; and he agreed that Bill wasn't a racist. Voila, she became secretary of state. On her health, she conceded the concussion in 2012 was scary, but says it had no lasting effects.

Even though she lost in 2008 in part because she wasn't spontaneous and real, she persists in not being spontaneous or real. The lack of spontaneity may be justified. The real Hillary, who once took a tax deduction for Bill's underwear, popped out when asked about their income, complaining about how the couple "struggled" to pay tuition and mortgages on houses, plural.

With book contracts and speaking fees, they were multimillionaires in a New York minute. At \$200,000 a speech before groups such as the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Hillary makes about four times the annual median U.S. household income — in an hour. Her tone-deaf answer is the product of too much time on private jets and in the Hamptons. She risks being lumped with the most recent clueless plutocraft to run, Mitt Romne.

Climton insists on being treated like any author on a book tour — and not like a politician on the first leg of a presidential campaign — despite the presence of her political operatives and a war room set up to handle any unexpected incoming. She gives her signature laugh, which involves her head and her shoulders but not her gut, and talks in circles about whether she's running.

"I'm going to decide when it feels right for me to decide" and "take a deep breath" and "go through my pluses and minuses about what I will — and will not — be thinking about as I make the decision."

By the way, she insists all this breathing isn't sucking all the air out of the room and keeping anyone else from running.

A book tour has everything a campaign has without the pesky reality of politics. She co-opts the news media into promoting her book, pretending we are interested in what she's written when what we're interested in is whether she's running. What a president she'll make.

While touting her foreign policy achievements —she was for going after Osama bin Laden, while others, notably the defense secretary and the vice president, were not —she wants to both support the president while positioning herself for a run as more hawkish than he is. On the exchange of high-level Taliban detainees for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, Clinton called it, pointedly, a hard choice that Obam was right



to make. But she wants it to be known she won't be hitting singles. She would have armed the Syrian rebels and wouldn't be soft on Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Regrets are for sissies. On the attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, Sawyer invited her to say "I would have done some things differently," but Clinton was steadfast. Yes, she wanted more security, but it would be a mistake for someone as high up as the secretary to be deciding on blast walls at 270 diplomatic posts.

The personal came at the end. On Monica Lewinsky, she refused to comment on her comment that the former intern was a narcissistic loony toon. Unsurprisingly, she says she's moved on and loves her best friend, Bill, who still makes her laugh. Only obliquely did she say he had to be forgiven anything.

"Forgiveness is mostly about the forgiv-

"Forgiveness is mostly about the forgiver. It's a way of opening the doors again." Amen to that.

All things considered, Sawyer did what she could in an interview that, like Clinton's book, is another tease in the dance of the seven veils. Her book is neither fish nor fowl, neither an autobiography like Obama's 'Audacity of Hope' nor a throwntogether candidate presentation like Mitt Romney's "No Apology: The Case for American Greatness."

Instead, Clinton's tome is meant to be a placeholder for being a declared candidate — a warm-up act to keep us in the theater until the diva comes out on stage. In time, it will become the perfect party favor, in exchange for a large contribution, wrapped in tissue paper in a bag with the campaign logo.

As for hard choices? Unsurprisingly, she got most of them right.

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## Limited appeal of Rubio, Paul, Cruz could help Bush

By Francis Wilkinson Bloomberg News

The Republican field for president has one stable center of gravity right now—Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas. Cruz doesn't dominate with ideas or fundraising provess or his political network. He dominates with orthodoxy. As the most inflexible and unyielding conservative presidential prospect in a party with an inflexible and unyielding base, Cruz represents the pure religion against which the beliefs of other candidates are

judged.
You can see the effects of Cruz's gravitational pull on the retrograde orbit of Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida. Rubio boldly championed immigration reform and seems eager to be identified with realistic policy ideas. But his entrepreneurial streak has left the base skeptical of his motives, and Rubio appearing compromised and conflicted.

Rand Paul is a more unconventional candidate than Rubio, and more openly dismissive of some Republican orthodoxies — drug prohibition, muscular foreign policy, no voting rights for felons — though not the paramount commitment to protect the wealthy from downward redistribution.

wealthy from downward redistribution. Rubio and Paul are properly portrayed as rivals. But the ambitions of both are constrained by the base's orthodoxy, and by Cruz's determination both to stoke and satisfy it. Under attack, Rubio ran away By entering the presidential race, Bush would be a spokesman for sane conservatism, but he would also be another force pushing against the party's contraction.

from his own immigration legislation. Similarly, Paul pointed out the wrongheadedness of Republican-engineered restrictions on voting (making a case on practical and political, rather than moral, grounds, but still), only to promptly retreat. Right now, perhaps the best thing Paul

Right now, perhaps the best thing Paul and Rubio have going for them is each other. When Rubio proposes a thoughtful reform of student loans, he stretches the boundaries for Paul. When Paul says Republicans need to reach out to racial minorities — even with his own complicated history on race — or "agree to disagree" on social issues, he creates elbow room for Rubio.

But this two-man dynamic isn't sufficient. Rubio remains battered by his attempt to solve a problem, immigration, which the base doesn't want solved, and Paul remains too much of a party outlier. They could use a hand from a third amigo: Jeb Bush.

By entering the presidential race, Bush would be a spokesman for sane conservatism, but he would also be another force pushing against the party's contraction. His deliberately provocative comments on immigrants — in which he described crossing the border as an "act of love"—alienates him from the rank and file. And his refusal to walk away from his support for the Common Core education reforms won't help win those voters back. But by establishing himself as a Chamber of Commerce candidate who refuses to kowtow to the Cruz wing, he can help loosen the stratigacket that keeps Republican politics and policy so dangerously restricted.

That stratjacket strangled the 2012 Republican field. Texas Gov. Rick Perry was clobbered for expressing empathy toward undocumented immigrants. Eventual nominee Mit Romney spent the primary trumpeting his managerial superiority while insisting on his ideological fraternity with his opponents, right-wing loons included.

But imagine a 2016 presidential primary that includes the quirky Paul, the straddling Rubio and the defiantly establishment yet Hispanic-friendly Bush. The party would be stretched instead of constricted. The opportunities for policy entrepreneurship would grow along with the chances of a conservative politics based on something more broadly appealing than unremitting anger.

unremitting anger. The danger, of course, is that Cruz would dominate the angry base vote while the three relative innovators competed over the party's less-energized remainder. By splitting the libertarian and mainstream conservative vote, the three amigos might deliver the nomination to Cruz. The Texan, however, will no doubt face competition of his own, even if it's from flawor-of-the-moment candidates such as the former surgeon Ben Carson.

Besides, for Bush, the risk is worth taking. Paul's appeal may be sufficiently diiosyncratic to power him to the end of the race, but not to victory. Either Rubio or Bush, however, would probably have to drop out without early primary victories and, of the two, Bush seems better suited to prevail. Ideally, once some ideological breathing space had been secured, whichever of the two is left standing could find a path to victory without having to endure Romneyesque contortions.

The alternative is likely another dispiriting primary season featuring candidates aping the base's hostility to science, imigrants and tens upon tens of millions of their fellow American citizens. Republicans desperately need a candidate who can change that ugly scenario. Perhaps they need three.

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## WORLD

# Police raid church in hunt for ferry owner

By Hyung-Jin Kim The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Thousands of South Korean police officers stormed a sprawling church compound Wednesday in their hunt for a fugitive billionaire businessman over April's ferry sinking that left more than 300 people dead or missing, officials

Authorities believe the businessman, Yoo Byung-eun, own the ship and that his alleged corruption may have contributed to the sinking. Police and prosecutors have been after Yoo for weeks and are offering a \$500,000 reward for tips about him.

Yoo, 73, is a member of a group called the Evangelical Baptist Church, which critics say is a cult.

About 5,000 police officers, some wearing helmets and armed with plastic shields, raided the group's compound in Anseong, just south of Seoul, officers said on condition of anonymity, citing

department policy.
Four church members were detained for allegedly provid-



HIN YOUNG-GEUN, YONHAP

Police officers storm the Evangelical Baptist Church in Anseong, South Korea, on Wednesday in a search for information regarding the fugitive billionaire owner of the ferry in the deadly April sinking.

ing shelter to Yoo or helping him flee, police said. Another church member was detained for allegedly trying to obstruct the raid. It was not clear whether Yoo was at the compound at the time of the raid. Police said they were still trying to find and detain more church members for allegedly aiding Yoo. The compound, the size of about 30 soccer fields, is considered the church's headquarters and thousands of church members gather there for services on weekends.

The area contains ranches, fields, a fish farm and an auditorium that can house up to 5,000 people, according to media reports.

About 200 church members rallied against the raid, singing hymns, pumping their fists into the air and chanting slogans. A large banner hanging near them said, "We'll protect Yoo Byungeun even if 100,000 church members are all arrested."

There were no reports of violence.

Yoo's church made headlines in 1987 when 32 people, who critics suspect were church members, were found dead in the attic of a factory near Seoul in what authorities said was a collective murder-suicide pact. The church has denied involvement.

You was investigated over the deaths after a probe into the dead people's financial transactions showed some of their money was funneled to him. He was cleared of suspicions that he was behind the suicides because of a lack of evidence, but was convicted on a separate fraud charee.

# Study: Red meat may be linked to breast cancer

By Maria Cheng

LONDON — Women who often indulge their cravings for hamburgers, steaks and other red meat may have a slightly higher risk of breast cancer, a new study suggests.

Doctors have long warned that a diet loaded with red meat is linked to cancers including those of the colon and pancreas, but there has been less evidence for its role in breast cancer.

In the new study, researchers at Harvard University analyzed data from more than 88,000 women aged 26 to 45 who had filled in surveys in 1911. Their red meat intake varied from never or less than once a month to six or more consistence described in the state of the

servings a day.

Initial results of the study were first published in 2006 and showed a preliminary link between eating red meat and breast cancer after 12 years; the new

research confirmed the earlier findings with longer follow-up information, and analyzed other types of breast cancer.

Using a statistical model, scientists estimated that in women who ate the most amount of red meat, there were an extra 6.8 cases of breast cancer for every 1,000 women over 20 years of follow-up. The researchers couldn't rule out the possibility that other factors might explain the apparent link between red meat and breast cancer.

In developed countries, women have about a 12.5 percent chance of developing breast cancer.

Scientists suspect proteins in red meat speed up cell division and tumor growth. Chemicals such as nitrates in processed meats are already classified as probable carcinogens.

The study was carried out mainly among educated, white American women, and researchers said the results were not nec-



A new study has found evidence that eating red meat may increase a woman's chances of developing breast cancer.

essarily applicable to women of other races. It was paid for by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and published online Tuesday in the British journal BMJ.

Critics of the study said diet is often support of the study said that the link between eating red meat and breast cancer appeared weak. Valerie Beral, a cancer expert at the University of Oxford, pointed out that vegetarians don't have a lower risk of breast cancer than meat-eaters.

## EU investigating Fiat, Starbucks, Apple taxes

The Associated Pres

AMSTERDAM — The European Union's antitrust regulator has launched an investigation into tax deals that Apple, Starbucks and Fiat struck with some European countries, the start of a wider push to keep multinationals from taking advantage of loopholes.

EU antitrust commissioner Joaquin Almunia said Wednesday a preliminary probe by his office has found the arrangements are improper, though the companies as well as the countries involved — Ireland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg — must be given a chance to respond.

"We have reason to believe at this stage that indeed in these specific cases the national authorities have (failed) to tax part of these multinationals' profits," Almunia said at a press conference in Brussels.

"When public budgets are tight and citizens are asked to make efforts to deal with the consequences of the (financial) crisis, it cannot be accepted that large multinationals do not pay their fair share of taxes," he said.

Apple has a deal with tax authorities in Ireland, Starbucks has one in the Netherlands and Fiat's financing arm has one in Luxembourg as part of their strategy to

minimize the taxes they pay.

Almunia said that while such agreements are permissible in theory, they would be improper if they give the companies an advantage over competitors who can't benefit from the same deal.

Apple denied it had received any special treatment from the government of Ireland, where its European operations are based.

"Apple pays every euro of every tax that we owe," spokesman Alan Helv said.

Alumnia said nine other countries are under preliminary investigation.

## Deadly beating spurs China to crack down on alleged cult members

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Wednesday announced the roundup of hundreds of alleged cult members following a deadly attack in which a group of adherents beat a woman to death in a McDonald's restaurant.

Slightly more than 1,500 cult members have been detained and prison terms handed out to at least 59, the official Xinhua News Agency said Wednesday. It wasn't clear when the arrests took place, although the reports said some went back as far as two years.

Wednesday's reports appeared to be an effort to reassure the public following outrage over violence and other illegal activity

blamed on cult adherents.

The reports said cult members were given terms of up to four years on charges of "using a cult

organization to undermine enforcement of the law."

Accusations against them in-

cluded that they used threats, violence and other illegal measures to expand their memberships and organizations.

Those detained were allegedly members of the Church of Almighty God and the Disciples Sect, groups drawing on an unorthodox reading of Christian

scripture.

Six members of the Church of Almighty God are accused of beating a woman to death at a McDonald's in the eastern city of Zhaoyuan last month after she refused to tell them her phone number as part of a recruitment drive.

The group, whose Chinese name "Quannengshen" translates as "all-powerful spirit," was founded in the northeastern province of Heilongjiang in the early 1990s and later spread to the country's eastern provinces, according to Chinese media reports.

China has struggled at times to control grassroots religious movements based on Christian or Buddhist ideology, most notably the Falungong meditation movement that attracted millions of adherents before being repressed

# Hitting the 'reset button'

Combat veterans look for healing on Appalachian Trail

By LUANNE RIFE

ROANOKE, Va. After three combat deployments in a dozen years, Sean Gobin stepped onto the Ap-palachian Trail in Georgia to walk off the war. Six months and

more than 2,000 miles later. Gobin made it to Katahdin, Maine

Gobin is hardly the first combat veteran to "walk off the war." Earl Shaffer, the first documented through-hiker on the trail in 1948, reportedly set out to do just that.

Gobin has taken it a step further. He founded the Warrior Hike to coordinate hikes for other veterans who are struggling to adapt to civilian life. This spring, 26 veterans set off on hikes along the Appachalian Trail, the Continental Divide Trail and

the Pacific Crest Trail.

On May 17, Gobin drove
his motorcycle from Charlottesville, where he just graduated from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, to the parking area for the McAfee Knob trail along Virginia 311 to meet up with this year's hikers

Fourteen veterans embarked on the journey on March 17 — half have hiked the 700 or so miles into the Catawba Valley. Two who dropped out due to injuries are expected to rejoin. While waiting on Gobin and on

a bus to take them to the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1264 in Roanoke, the hikers gathered around the open trunk of another hiker veteran who brought Twinkies and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

For most of the week, each man is off to himself. Sometimes a few will meet up at night, but all gather at an appointed time each weekend to keep with the schedule that will get them to the end of the trail on Sept. 12 and to visit with veterans in trail towns who want to lend their

Jamey Pierson spent 24 years in the Air Force, six of them on duty at Dover Air Force Mortuand at Walter Reed medical center, and had thought about hiking the trail alone when he found out about the Warrior



Jesse Swensgard, Matthew Donnelly and Joseph Young, from left, wait in the Catawba Mountain trail head parking lot May 17 after completing 6 miles that day with the Warrior Hike.



Gobin

most part, you walk during the day by your-self. There are a lot of ups and downs, per-sonalities to figure out, have our arguments like any-

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thing else in life." Todd Rogers, of East Green-ish, N.Y., said he struggled to

adjust to civilian life. 'I had a ridiculous hard time, he said. "At one time I was on 11 different medications. Some of

them counteract each other. The doctors don't talk to each other. "I couldn't sleep. I had anger issues and anxiety, and a tremen-dous amount of social anxiety."

The trail is different.

You're just hiking eight hours a day, day after day, week after week, month after month, so your brain doesn't have any other choice but to process everything you're going through," Gobin said. "That's what is really therapeutic. Having to go see a coun-selor at 4 p.m. on a Tuesday and

sit in a cubicle and talk at length about something you're not really comfortable talking about isn't necessarily the way people want to come to terms with their wartime experiences.

Gobin's hike came just a few months after his last deployment. Two years later, he understands better why it's so hard for so many

veterans several years later.
"Usually, when you first get home, there's an immediate tran-sition into whatever civilian job or school. A couple years down the road, you realize things aren't the same," he said.

"You leave a part of your hu-manity in the battlefield. That's the best way to verbalize it," he "You need to figure out a way to ... regain that faith in humanity, reconnect with society and have that camaraderie that

you lost when you got out.

Hiking the Appalachian Trail is not a cure for PTSD, he said. "It's a matter of coping, coming to terms with what your wartime experiences were," Gobin said "So this is more of a reset button.
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> **Todd Rogers** veteran participating in Warrior I

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

#### Lamborghini Diablo abandoned after crash

FORT LEE - Police are looking for the person who crashed a high-performance sports car and left it burning near the George Washington Bridge.

Port Authority Police spokes-man Joe Pentangelo said the Lamborghini Diablo was found on fire and unoccupied in the westbound lanes near the bridge toll plaza in Fort Lee early Monday.

The vehicle showed signs of a crash and sustained extensive fire damage.

Lamborghini Diablos were made by the Italian sports car company from 1990 to 2001. They are typically valued at \$150,000 to \$200,000

#### Man assaulted after talking in his sleep

BOZEMAN - Police in Montana said a woman kicked and struck her boyfriend with a shotoun because he said bad things about her in his

Police told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle that Sara Ann Bade, 24, of Willow Creek, was arrested at her home about 2 a.m. Monday. She appeared in Gallatin County Justice Court that morning on a felony charge of assault with a weapon.

The boyfriend told police the two were sleeping when he awoke to Bade kicking him and telling him he was talking in his sleep and saying bad things about her. He said she also shot out his front tire and smashed his windshield when he tried to leave. He wasn't seriously injured.

#### Mayor in tiff over bag of dog waste he tossed

SAN MARINO — The CA SAN MARKING mayor of San Marino admitted to tossing a bag of dog waste onto a neighborhood resident's property and has apolo-gized, saying he should have disposed of it properly.

Mayor Dennis Kneier told the Pasedena Star-News that he was walking home from a park with his wife Saturday night when they found the bag on a parkway and he picked it up and tossed it onto a walkway at the property.

Resident Philip Lao said he

recognized Kneier on surveillance video and called police. They photographed the bag.

There is no police record of problems between the men, although Lao does oppose a dog park in San Marino, a wealthy suburb of Los Angeles.

#### Woman, 34, guilty of posing as teen student

LONGVIEW Woman who posed as a teenager and spent months enrolled as a sophomore at an East Texas school has pleaded guilty to failure to identify herself

A judge in Longview on Tuesday sentenced Charity Johnson, 34, to 85 days in jail in a plea agreement.

Longview police arrested John-son after a May 12 disturbance at a home when the occupant who THE CENSUS

The size of the tip received by a Waffle House waitress on Mother's Day. Shaina Brown received it directly from her customer after the restaurant refused to give it to her because it was left on a credit card. Brown was working the night shift in Raleigh, N.C., when a man left her the tip. The Waffle House told The Raleigh News & Observer it refunds large tips unless

they're paid by cash or check to avoid disputes about charges. Brown said she got a call last week from her customer, who wants to remain anonymous. She said he had heard about her problems and wrote her a check directly.





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## **Wedding by fire**

Newlyweds Michael Wolber and April Hartley pose for a picture near Bend, Ore., as a wildfire burns in the background. Because of the approaching fire, the minister conducted an abbreviated ceremony, and the wedding party was evacuated to a downtown Bend park for the

let Johnson stay with her learned she was not a teenager. Police at the time issued Johnson, who said she was born in 1997, a trespass warning. Police later determined Johnson was older.

Officials at New Life Christian School in Longview said Johnson enrolled last October with a guardian and indicated she was 15 years old.

#### Police allege man killed woman, then ate flesh

NASHVILLE — A man has been charged with dismembering the body of a woman and eating part of her corpse, officials said Tuesday.

Gregory S. Hale, 37, was arrested at his Tennessee home Sunday and is charged with premeditated first-degree murder and abuse of a corpse, Coffee County District Attorney Mickey Layne told The Associated Press.

Hale confessed to killing the woman, according to the arrest warrant, which identified the woman as Lisa Marie Hyder. Hale told authorities he beheaded Hyder and cut off her hands and feet and placed the body parts in plastic buckets, according to the

Hale also admitted to "eating part of the victim." according to the warrant

#### Viewers of online game report home invasion

TEMPE - A video feed AZ of a woman playing an online game resulted in authorities learning of a home invasion taking place in the woman's apartment, police said.

An acquaintance of the victim called Tempe police Monday morning after being contacted by another person who was watching the video feed and saw portions of the home invasion by two armed men, Lt. Michael Poolev said.

One man was still in the apartment when officers arrived.

Pooley said Edgardo Martinez. 27, was being held on suspicion of armed robbery, kidnapping, firstdegree burglary, theft of a firearm and credit card theft. The other man remained at large.

The 28-year-old woman and another person in the apartment weren't injured, police said.

### Startled carriage horse goes on park run solo

NEW YORK - A startled carriage horse took a jaunt around Central Park without any passengers or its driver. The horse became detached

from its bridle on Monday evening and ran into the Manhattan park, following its usual route, the union that represents carriage drivers said. It was unclear what startled it.

It looped back around to basically where it had started and ex-ited the park at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street near The Plaza hotel, where a group of carriage drivers was waiting to corral it. Its carriage got caught on an open taxi door and it came to a stop.

There were no injuries to the horse or to any people, carriage driver and industry spokesman Stephen Malone said.

#### Grenade in school leads to mother's arrest

STRATFORD mother of an 11-yearold Connecticut boy has been arrested after police said her son brought a grenade to school for a show and tell related to World War II lessons.

Lisa Miguel, 44, of Stratford, was charged with risk of injury to a minor, reckless endanger-ment and illegal possession of an explosive.

Stratford Academy was placed on lockdown Friday, Students were sent to the back of the school until a bomb squad determined the grenade was a simulator used for training.

From wire reports

## **FACES**

## **Rowling against** Scottish cause

'Harry Potter" creator J.K Rowling waded into the world of Muggle politics Wednesday, announcing a 1 million pound (\$1.68 million) donation to the campaign against Scottish independence.

Scots will vote in a Sept. 18 referendum on whether to leave their 300year-old union with England and become an independent country.



Rowling who lives in Edinburgh, said she had decided that "while indepen-dence might give us opportunities

... it also carries serious risks." Rowling said she was particularly concerned about the impact on the economy and on funding for medical research in Scotland. She has donated millions to the fight against multiple sclerosis, the disease that killed her mother.

Rowling said the referendum would be a historic moment for Scotland. "I just hope with all my heart that we never have cause to look back and feel that we made a historically bad mistake.

Spokesman Mark Hutchinson confirmed that the donation from Rowling, one of Britain's wealthiest writers, was 1 million pounds

Polls show the anti-inde-pendence side narrowly ahead among Scottish voters, but proindependence forces have run a better-funded and more energetic campaign.

Rowling predicted that some pro-independence campaigners would discount her views because she was born and raised in England. She likened that stance to the obsession with pure wizard blood of the villainous characters

in her magical saga. "When people try to make this debate about the purity of your lineage, things start getting a lit-tle Death Eaterish for my taste," she wrote.

From The Associated Press

### FX: Morgan's series 'will be waiting for him'

FX Networks says that Tracy Morgan's new series is waiting for him once he's well, but that his recovery is all that matters now.

Tuesday's statement updates the status of the TV project planned for the comic who was critically injured in a highway crash Saturday in New Jersey.

Morgan's recovery is expected to take weeks. The company says that whenever he decides he is ready to work, "his show will be waiting for him."

His half-hour comedy was scheduled to start filming in August for a January premiere on FX's comedy network, FXX.

Morgan suffered a broken

femur, a broken nose and several broken ribs when a tractor-trail-er rig smashed into his chauffeured limo bus. One passenger was killed. Three others were

From The Associated Press

# **Tough and tender**

## Taye Diggs' new TV show, 'Murder in the First,' packs action and drama

By LYNN ELBER The Associated Press

aye Diggs can claim an actor's version of scoring a hat trick: He's worked with a trio of television's most innovative writer-producers Diggs, who visited David E. Kelley's "Ally McBeal" as attorney Jackson Duper and played Dr. Sam Bennett on Shonda Rhimes'
"Private Practice," is starring in a new
drama, "Murder in the First," co-created by veteran Steven Bochco.

There's something to be said for putting out in the universe that which you want to claim. It's happened to me three times," he

In the latest instance, he was eager to be part of a project "where it's about relationhips and not just catching crooks and jump-

ing over buses and whatnot," said Diggs.

"Murder in the First," despite the procedural-sounding title, turned out to be just such an opportunity. It debuted June 9

Diggs plays San Francisco police homicide Detective Terry English, who's paired with fellow detective Hildy Mulligan (Kath-

but have more to their lives than work Terry's burden is a tragic one, the terminal illness of his wife. Hildy is a single mom who, at least in episode one, ap-

pears to have a limited network of support to raise her bright daughter. "Murder in the First," created by Bochco and Eric Lodal, will wrap its investigation within the 10-episode season. If viewers are hooked, the drama will be back with

another case to solve. The case focus is nar-row but the approach is ambitiously multilayered, said Bochco. whose

groundbreaking series include "Hill Street Blues." "L.A. Law" and "NYPD Blue." leen Robertson). The officers are dedicated, "Murder in the First" is a "cop show, it's

a legal drama, and then it's a courtroom drama. And so what we've tried to do is to pretty much encompass the whole of the criminal justice system," he said. Diggs was quickly sold on the concept of "Murder in the First" and agreed to temporarily pull up stakes from New York City. "Bochco and Lodal were so excited about it, they got me excited.

I was not excited about the fact it

was shot in Los Angeles," Diggs, 43, said, with exteriors taped in San Francisco. "But hearing their ideas and the future of the character, Terry, I couldn't help but get drawn in.'

## Lopez to sing at World Cup opening after all

The Associated Press

Not so fast: J.Lo is performing at the World Cup, as it turns out. Jennifer Lopez said in an inter-view with The Associated Press that she was to fly to Brazil on

Tuesday night to perform during the tournament's opening eremony Thursday.

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"People get nervous, and I think it was a little bit premature to an-nounce anything," she said. "But we are definitely going. FIFA officials announced ear-

lier this week that the singer wouldn't perform the official tune We Are One (Ole Ola)" alongside Pitbull and Claudia Leitte.

In other World Cup singing news, Placido Domingo is sched-uled to sing ahead of a World Cup final for the sixth time, a person familiar with the planning told The Associated Press Wednesday.

The 73-year-old plans to announce Wednesday he will per-form at Rio de Janeiro's HSBC Arena on July 11, according to the person, who spoke on condi-tion of anonymity because the announcement had not yet been

The concert, on the eve of the final at Maracana Stadium, also is scheduled to feature pianist Lang Lang, soprano Ana Maria Martinez, conductor Eugene Kohn and the Orquestra Sinfoni-

Domingo has attended every World Cup since 1974

### Walters back on TV to interview shooter's dad

Barbara Walters' time away from television isn't lasting long.
The TV news icon said Tuesday that she will interview the father of Elliot Rodger, the young California man who shot and killed six people and injured 13 others before turning the gun on himself last month. The interview with Peter Rodger will air as a primetime special on ABC News in the next few weeks.

ABC News President James Goldston says Rodger specifically requested to be interviewed by Walters.

#### Paula Deen launching digital network

Celebrity cook Paula Deen, whose career was derailed after she admitted using racial slurs, is going digital.

Paula Deen Ventures, a new company formed to help launch a comeback for Deen, announced plans Wednesday for the creation of the Paula Deen Network. The paid subscription-based network is set to launch in September and will be accessible by computer.

smartphone or tablet. The network will feature daily programming in an unscripted format with new recipes, episodes and cooking tools.

### TV rarity: Belmont does better than prime time

The most-watched event on television in the past week was a double rarity: on a Saturday and before prime time

The Nielsen company said 20.6 million people tuned in to see California Chrome fail in the attempt to record horse racing's Triple Crown on Saturday. It was the second biggest television audience recorded for the Belmont Stakes over the past two decades, except for the 21.9 million in 2004 when Smarty Jones unsuccessfully tried for the Triple Crown.

### Other news

- New York prosecutors say a ast member on VH1's "Love & Hip Hop Atlanta" was arrested Monday and charged with failing to pay more than \$1 million in child support. Steven Jordan. 40, known as "Stevie J," was ordered held until a bail hearing Wednesday.
- A man charged with stalking Sandra Bullock and breaking into her home has pleaded not guilty regarding the June 8 incident.

  Los Angeles County pros-
- ecutors say an Arizona man and woman have pleaded not guilty to charges of stealing a Maserati, iewelry, purses and clothes from the home of Miley Cyrus. They are due back in court June 18.

## **BUSINESS/WEATHER**

# China's Alibaba debuts 1st US site

By MAE ANDERSON The Associated Press

NEW YORK — China's largest e-commerce company is making its first appearance in the U.S. with the debut of 11Main.com, an invitation-only online marketplace that showcases small business retailers.

Industry watchers will be paying close attention since 11 Mais is owned by Alibaba, the e-commerce giant in China that filed for an initial public offering in the U.S. in May. Bigger than Amazon and eBay combined, Alibaba had no U.S. e-commerce presence until now.

Forrester analyst Sucharita Mulpuru believes Alibaba won't find it easy to break into the already crowded online shopping industry.

"U.S. e-commerce is crowded and relies on high marketing expenses to rise above the clutter," she said. "The hope is high. We'll see if they live up to expectations." For now, Alibaba is starting small with 11 Main, based in San Mateo, Calif. The site, which debuts Wednesday in a beta phase, will feature "hundreds of thousands" of products from 1,000 to 2,000 upscale specialty shops and boutiques around the country that were vetted by 11 Main.

11 Main is going live just as Alibaba prepares to go public. Although it's not well-known in the United States, Alibaba is a powerhouse that helped drive the rise of e-commerce in China, a transformation that has given millions of households greater access to clothes, books and consumer electronics in a society that in the 1980s still required ration tickets for some supermarket items. The 15-year-old company has navigated technical and financial challenges and a battle with eBay Inc. to become the world's biggest online bazaar and is now plan-ning to sell stock in the U.S. Analysts say its initial public offering planned for later this year

could raise up to \$20 billion.

The site's layout is clutter-free and without ads, similar to social media sharing site Pinterest. Shoppers can browse or search by category or retailer. The site features video profiles of some of the small businesses along with its products to give users a sense of what the stores and their owners are like.

Without ads or retailer fees, 11 Main plans to generate revenue by taking a 3.5 percent cut of each transaction. In return, retailers get 11 Main's national marketing power and reach

power and reach.

"We want the shops to represent the diversity of Main Street.
Some shops are high-end boutiques and some are more vintage," said Mike Effle, president and general manager of 11 Main.

Tiger Bachler is one of the site's beta vendors. She owns Alys Grace, a three-shop chain in California's Bay Area that offers upscale clothing and accessories like \$175 Chan Luu scarves and \$300 Diane Von Furstenberg dresses. The stores are well known in the area and the company already has an online presence at www. alysgrace.com, but Bachler said it's hard to direct customers to the site because the company

does mainly local advertising.
"We've been struggling with
the ability to reach a large audience being a small business," she
said. "We anticipate (11 Main)
will be able to give us a wider audience with their marketplace expertise and marketing power."

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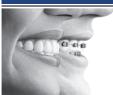
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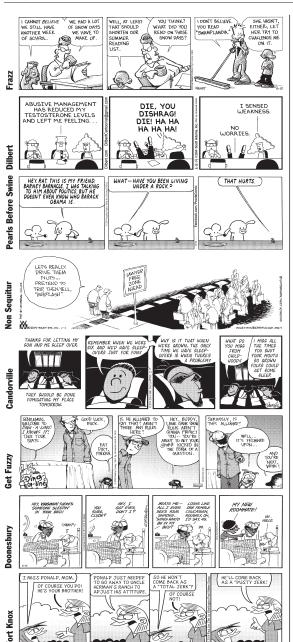
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of Donald Representatives Sterling, potential buyer Steve Ballmer and the NBA were present at the courthouse. Paperwork was filed but it was unclear whether an immediate hearing would be granted.

The Sterlings were not present. Shelly Sterling contends she is the sole trustee of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the team. Her attorney, Pierce O'Donnell, said three doctors have filed reports saying Donald Sterling lacks mental capacity to

Donald Sterling said in a statement Tuesday that he's not just fighting for the Clippers but taking a stand against the NBA, which he called "a band of hypocrites and bullies" and "despi ble monsters" who want "to take away our privacy rights and freedom of speech.

Donald Sterling is suing the league for \$1 billion. The league has sought to ban him for life since racist remarks emerged in a recording in April.

Shelly Sterling brokered what would be a record-breaking \$2 billion deal with Ballmer, the former Microsoft CEO to sell the team less than two weeks ago.

#### Former Cy Young winner Welch dies at 57

OAKLAND, Calif. Welch, the 1990 AL Cy Young Award winner with the Oakland Athletics and the last major leaguer to win at least 25 games in a season, has died. He was 57.

Welch died late Monday night at his Southern California home in Seal Beach, the team said Tuesday. Police said officers re sponded to a call for medical aid and found Welch dead in the bathroom area.

Authorities have not released the cause of death. The coroner was awaiting toxicology test results, which can take eight to 12 weeks, said Lt. Jeffrey Hallock, spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Welch was known best for his famous battles with Reggie Jackson in the World Series and alcohol addiction.

The two-time All-Star was an admitted alcoholic early in his career and spent time in rehabilitation.

The right-hander played on five teams that reached the World Series - 1978, 1981, 1988, 1989 and 1990 - and won two titles one in 1981 with the Dodgers and another in 1989 with the A's

Welch finished 211-146 with a 3.47 ERA in 17 seasons with the Dodgers (1978-87) and Athletics (1988-94). He also was the pitching coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks when they won the 2001 World Series and had served as a special instructor for the A's in recent years

#### Machado suspended 5 games for bat toss

BALTIMORE - Manny Machado figured he might be suspended for intentionally throwing his bat on the field while at the plate. What the Baltimore Orioles third baseman didn't expect is that the punishment would be so

suspension and an undisclosed fine Tuesday for tossing his bat in Sunday's game against Oakland.

He has appealed the suspension, which was slated to start immediately. Machado was in the lineup Tuesday against Boston.

third base after swinging at a pitch from Fernando Abad in the eighth inning. The bat-toss came during a plate appearance in which Abad threw successive high-and-tight pitches.

#### Van Dyken sitting up after severing spine

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Olympic champion swimmer Amy Van Dyken-Rouen sat up in her hospital bed for the first time since severing her spinal cord in an allterrain vehicle accident.

The six-time gold medalist posted two photos on Instagram on Tuesday, one a selfie of her in bed and another of her sitting up with help from two hospital workers.

The 41-year-old swimmer was injured on Friday when she hit a curb while riding an ATV.

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## Sonnen out of UFC 175

LOS ANGELES - Veteran UFC light heavyweight Chael Sonnen has failed a drug test, forcing him out of his bout with Vitor Belfort at UFC 175 in Las Vegas next month.

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Brazil vs. Croatia
Friday, June 13
At Natal, Brazil

At Natal, Brazii
Mexico vs. Cameroon
Tuesday, June 17
At Fortaleza, Brazii
Brazii vs. Mexico
Wednesday, June 18
At Manaus, Brazii
Croatia vs. Cameroon
Monday, June 23
At Brasiila, Brazii

At Cuiaba, Brazil
Chile vs. Australia
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At Rio de Janeiro
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At Porto Alegre, Brazil
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Monday, June 23
At Curitiba, Brazil

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At Manaus, Brazil
England vs. Italy
Thursday, June 19
At Sao Paulo

At Sao Paulo
Uruguay vs. England
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At Recife, Brazil
Costa Rica vs. Italy
Tuesday, June 24
At Natal, Brazil
Uruguay vs. Italy

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## **Tennis**

## **AEGON Classic**

AEGON Classic

Tuesday

At Gunday

At Gunday Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Naomi Broady, Britain, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Monica Puig (12), Puerto Rico, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-2.

Second Round Second Round
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Barthel, Germany, 6-4, 6-1.
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Tomuras Cabashvili, Russia, def. Illya
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#### AEGON Championships

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### AP sportlight

June 12
1930 — Max Schmeling beats Jack
Sharkey on a fourth-round foul for the
vacant heavyweight title in New York.
Schmeling becomes the first German
– and European — heavyweight world

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 champion.
 1939 — Byron Nelson wins the U.S.
Open in a three-way playoff with Craig
Wood and Denny Shute.
 1948 — Citation, ridden by Eddie Ar-

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## College baseball

## **World Series**

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Sunday, June 15

Game 3 — Texas Tech (45-19) vs. TCU

Game 4 — Virginia (45-19) (47-16)
 Game 4 — Virginia (49-14) vs. Mississippi (46-19)
 Monday, June 16
 Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2

loser Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2

Tuesday, June 17 Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 inner Wednesday, June 18 Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6

Thursday, June 19
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game Friday, June 20
Game 11 – Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner Game 12 – Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner

Saturday, June 21
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#### Deals

#### **Tuesday's transactions**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Suspended Battimore 38 Manny Machado live games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing his fined Oakland LHP Fernando Abad an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing at Machado during the same incident.

American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent OF Nolan Simold to Bowie (EL) for a rehab assign-BOSTON RED SOX — Sent LHP Felix subront to Pawtucket (IL) for a rehab

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CLEVELAND NDIANS - Agreed to terms with RHPs Julian Merryweather terms with RHPs Julian Merryweather terms and Austin Fisher on minor league contracts. Sent RHP Zach McAllister to Columbus (IL) and 18 Nick Swisher to Akron (EL) for rehab assignments. RHP Wilking Rodríguez to Omaha (PCL). Resalled I HP Doniel Disselh from Omaha.

called LHP Donnie Joseph from Omaha Agreed to terms with OF Brandon Thom-asson and LHPs Nick Green and Brandor

Thomas.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated
RHP Taijuan Walker from the 15-day DL. RHP Taijuan Walker from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with OF Gareth Morgan. TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned RHP Josh Lueke outright to Durham (IL). Signed 18 Casey Gillaspie to a minor league contract and assigned Hudson Vallay (AND)

leāgue contract and assigned Huuson Valley (NYP).

TEXAS RANGERS — Placed 1B Mitch Moreland on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June & Selected the contract of 1B-OP Brad Snyder from Round Rock (PC). All the Polymer of ague Rangers.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent RHP Ser

gio Santos to New Hampshire (EL) for a rehab assignment. Signed RHP Sear Reid-Foley and CF Lane Thomas to minor league contracts.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Activated RHF ordan Walden from the 15-day DL. Op-oned LHP Alex Wood to Gwinnett (IL). CHICAGO CUBS — Released RHP Jose

CINCINNATI REDS — Released RHP Jose Veras.

CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated 1B Joey Votto from the 15-day DL. Optioned 1B Donald Lutz to Louisville (IL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Sent 28 Rafael Furcal to Jupiter (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

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NEW YORK METS — Activated RHP
Gonzalez Germen from the 15-day DL
Optioned LHP Scott Rice to Las Vegas
(PC).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to
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CINCINNATI BENGALS — Re-signed TE Alex Smith.

DALLAS COWDYS — Released S Marvin Robinson from reserve/injured.
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Signed DT Dartwan Bush.

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed CB Brad-ley Roby.

oby. REEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Shaun Lewis.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed OT David
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## **WORLD CLIP**

## Players to watch

Keylor Navas: Goalkeener Navas is likely to have a lot to do, but he has had his best season for Levante and is considered one of the top keepers in the Spanish

There are reports in Spanish media that Navas could move to a higher-profile club, something a good performance at the World Cun might

Navas left Costa Rica for Spain in 2010, but only made his first-division debut in May 2012. Bryan Ruiz: Ruiz is the most established Costa Rican player in Europe and its best

known after his stint in the Premier League with Fulham. Ruiz, Costa Rica's most creative

player, is allowed to stray inside from his right midfield position.

Ruiz joined PSV from Fulham in moved to Furope in 2006 to join Belgian side Gent before mov ing to FC Twente in the Netherlands and then

Fulham in 2011 Brvan Ruiz MICHAEL PEREZ/A



Mario Balotelli: Italy has never really had a forward that combines so much physicality and skill — a player who can muscle by defenders to

score goals or find the target with well-placed free kicks or penalties. Until he finally missed in September, Balotelli had converted all 26 penalty kick attempts in his

But Balotelli has struggled to control his temper and is often subjected to racist taunts. The son of Ghanaian immigrants and raised by an Italian family, he shoulders the burden of representing a new and rapidly expanding class of Italians.

Gianluigi Buffon: At 36, Buffon is heading to his fifth World Cup — his fourth as a starter — as captain and undisputed changing-room leader.

Buffon didn't let in a single goal from opposition players over the normal course of play during Italy's run to the 2006 title, then was injured during the opener when the Azzurri were eliminated in the first round four years ago.

It was said that Buffon's one weakness was penalty shoot-outs, but he stopped three attempts in a shootout win over Uruguay in the third-place match of last year's Confederations Cup.

In October, Buffon passed Fabio Cannavaro for the all-time Italy appearance record with his 137th annearances.

Mario Balotelli

## **GROUP D**



Italy's Lorenzo Insigne, top, celebrates with forward Ciro Immobile after scoring during a warm up match Sunday against Fluminense in Volta Redonda, Brazil.

# **Group of champions**

## With 3 ex-winners, advancing a tough task

By Andrew Dampe

ROME - With three former champions in Italy, England and Uruguay, plus unpredictable Costa Rica, Group D could be the World Cup's toughest.

As European Championship runner-up, Italy is the favorite. But Uruguay is the South American champion and boasts a veteran squad, England is hoping to carry over its form from an undefeated qualifying campaign, and Costa Rica has pulled off surprises before.

Here are five things to know about

Group D: Group of champions: No other group has more than one past cham-pion in it, while Italy (1934, 1938, 1982, 2006), Uruguay (1930, 1950) and England (1966) have won a combined seven titles.

Uruguay and Italy alone combined to win the first four World Cups from

1930 to 1950. Mario's moods: Italy's intentions will likely depend on the wavering ways of talented forward Mario Balotelli, whose mood swings often get him into trouble both on and off the field.

But Balotelli averages about a goal every two matches in Serie A and with the national team, and nobody seems to have a better handle on him than Italy coach Cesare Prandelli. If the Azzurri are going to match host Brazil with their record-tying fifth title. Balotelli will have to

both behave and perform at his best. Choice Of forwards: Few teams can match Uruguav's strength at forward, with Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani leading the way and veteran Diego Forlan a strong substitute. Suarez has been one of the main reasons behind Liverpool's resurgence in the English Premier League, and Cavani has been a goal-scoring machine with Napoli and Paris Saint-Germain in recent seasons. Forlan was named the best player of the 2010 World Cup and shared the tournament scoring lead with five goals, although he'll be 35 for this year's edition and joined Japanese club Cerezo Osaka in February, signaling that his top-

level career may be finished.

Throat-slit: When Football Association chairman Greg Dyke responded to the December draw with a throatslitting action that was caught on camera, it summed up England's fears.

The worry in football's home country is that England won't even advance from such a tough group. England hasn't gotten past the quarterfinals in its last four World Cups and star player Wayne Rooney failed to score in the last two tournaments. Making matters worse, Rooney is coming off a difficult season with Manchester United

Surprise reprise? Rica would like nothing more than to reneat its surprise effort from its World Cup debut in 1990, when it beat Sweden and Scotland to reach the knockout round under experi-

enced coach Bora Milutinovic. The key to this squad is its defense, as evidenced by conceding only seven goals in 10 matches of the final qualifying

PSV Eindhoven forward Bryan Ruiz is the team's creative spark and perhaps its best-known player after his spell at Premier League club Fulham.

### Players to watch



#### Uruguay

Luis Suarez: Suarez, who was expected to be Uruguay's top threat, had keyhold knee surgery on May 22. His doctors say his status will be unknown until the first

match. He had his best season with Liverpool and got the team into the Champions League for the first time since 2010. But he has had troubles.

He missed the start of this season, sitting out the remainder of a 10-game suspension for biting an opponent last season. He also served an eightgame ban for racially abusing a rival player in the Premier League.

"He has evolved in his game and his attitude," Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez said. "Perhaps it's because of the problems he had in England.

Suarez scored three goals at the 2010 World Cup, and added four when Uruguay won the 2011 Copa America in Argentina. He was named player of the tournament

Édinson Cavani: He joined French club Paris Saint-Germain in July 2013 on a five-year

transfer fee was reported at \$84 million, a league record He has scored

goals for PSG and, vith Suarez, poses one of the hest 1-2 combinations at the World Cavani's goals are

often spectacular, and he is just as famous for his tireless effort.

#### Edinson Cavani

MATILDE CAMPODONICO/AP



### England

Steven Gerrard: As the team's leader. Gerrard is an automatic starter, and rightly so.

"Magisterial" is how England coach Hodgson views a player who remains as influential at 33 but realistically

facing one final shot at the World Cup. Thriving in a deeper role with rejuvenated Liverpool, Gerrard will come up against the master in that position in the World Cup opener: Italy mid-

fielder Andrea Pirlo. Gerrard will match David Beckham's record of 115 appearances for an England outfield player by

playing in the three warm-up matches and three Wayne Rooney: Rooney, the one truly world ass striker on his team, has yet to deliver at a

World Cup, failing to score in 2006 and 2010. But with 38 goals in 89 international matches Rooney is only 11 from matching Bobby Charlton's England record

A relief for England coach Roy Hodgson is that the Manche ter United striker has settled his club future going into

the World Cup by signing a new contract. A concern for Hodgson is just how Rooney might be affected by United's lackluster

> Wayne Rooney LYNNE SLADKY/AP

## WORLD CUP

# Italy's once-vaunted defense in crisis mode

## Azzurri concerned about loss of intensity heading into opener

By Andrew Dampf The Associated Press

MANGARATIBA, Brazil -Italy used to produce world-class defenders the way that Brazil produces strikers of genius.

From Claudio Gentile to Franco Baresi to Giuseppe Bergomi to Paolo Maldini and the more recent pair of Fabio Cannavaro and Alessandro Nesta, there never seemed to be a worry in defense.

These days, though, the Azzur-ri are wondering what has gone wrong in an area of the pitch they once dominated.

When Italy coach Cesare Prandelli selected an Argentine-born center back, Gabriel Paletta, in his World Cup squad, it raised eyebrows in the land that created the vaunted "catenaccio" lock down defense.

Under the catenaccio system, Italy used to hunker down in a completely defensive mode and frustrate opponents before striking back with swift counterattacks.

Is the situation really desperate enough, commentators asked. that Italy needs to recruit foreignborn players for a position where it once dominated?

"It's true and it's something we've talked about among ourselves," defender Giorgio Chiellini said Saturday. "We've lost some intensity in defense. Two years ago we were better organized and the most important thing, especially at a World Cup, is to not let in any goals."

In 27 matches since Italy reached the 2012 European Championship final, the Azzurri have conceded a whopping 35

Ten of those goals came in the five matches that Italy played in last year's Confederations Cup. There was alarm then but Prandelli attributed the high number to Italy's new propensity to attack and to break out of defense

Last vear. Prandelli tested out midfielder Daniele De Rossi at the center of a three-man defense.

More recent matches have also proved alarming.

Last week, Italy gave away a late equalizer in a 1-1 draw with Luxembourg when Maxime Chanot rose above the Azzurri defense virtually unchallenged to head home Mario Mutsch's corner - silencing a stunned crowd in Perugia.

There were also 2-2 draws with Denmark, Armenia and Nigeria in October and November — part of a seven-match winless streak

"When you talk about defense you can't think only about the four men in the back, but the position-ing of the entire squad," Chiellini said. "We're lacking the right distances between the lines.'

Italy opens the World Cup against England this weekend in Manaus and all four center backs



From left, Italy defenders Matteo Darmian, Andrea Ranocchia and Giorgio Chiellini run during a training session June 2. Italy was once known for its frustrating defense, but has lost intensity in the area it used to dominate, conceding 35 goals in 27 matches since 2012.

are dealing with minor physical problems.

Chiellini has a troubled back Andrea Barzagli is recovering from a fever. Paletta is working his way back from a muscle strain and Leonardo Bonucci also has a knock

"We're all improving, though,"

## Hodgson says England not 'world beater' just yet

By ROB HARRIS The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO - When the England World Cup squad was announced a month ago, the prospects of advancing far seemed so low that the focus was already turning to the European Championship two years down the line.

Now, despite England just winning just one of its three warm-up matches before traveling to Brazil, coach Roy Hodgson finds himself trying to calm expectations that his youthful squad can cause a sur-prise at the tournament. Even the most ar-

can win the

World Cup for the first

ing Ross Barkley and

has greater options in

"We certainly have

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Sterling. Hodgson believes he

Hodgson

dent England fans don't believe their I must advise some sort time since 1966. However, there is a belief of caution. that Hodgson's side As yet, the could reach the knock-England out phase with an attacking vitality that has been missing at players haven't recent tournaments. had much After putting his faith in youth, includchance in an England Raheem shirt to show that the squad compared to the 2012 European potential can be realized. 7 more athleticism, we

Roy Hodgson England coach

mobility, 1100g. said Tuesday at Eng-World training base in Rio de Janeiro. "We have a lot of technical players.

"So I certainly am not trying in any way to play down the fact the future looks quite bright and there are some very, very interesting times ahead for us, I'm sure. At this World Cup we also need our experienced



England's coach Roy Hodgson instructs his players including Frank Lampard, left, and Wayne Rooney, fourth right, during a squad training session Monday at the Urca military base in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. England plays Italy on Saturday.

players to help the younger ones along." Only six players in the 23-man squad

have previous World Cup experience. "I must advise some sort of caution," Hodgson said. "As yet, the England players haven't had much chance in an England

shirt to show that potential can be realized ... it's important we don't build people up too much in saying how wonderful these young players are.

"Let's see some very good performances in an England shirt first. We know they can do it, we believe they can do it but let's calm ourselves down a little bit before we start saying we have world beaters in our squad. Because to be a world beater you have to put your international shirt on and

play very well."

One of Hodgson's gifted youngsters, 20year-old midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, scored here in a friendly against Brazil last year, but is now racing to be fit for the World Cup.

The Arsenal player sustained ligament damage in his right knee during a warmup match against Ecuador last Wednesday

and could recover for England's second in Group D game against Uruguay on June 19, Hodgson said.

"It is very positive that he can run so well and so fast in so fast in straight lines and we will be stepping up his training program during the course of the week, Hodgson said. "There is no guarantee but I am hoping by the second game he will be available.

England opens its World Cup campaign against Italy on Saturday in Manaus, with its final group game against Costa Rica.

## VORID CUP

## GROUP E

#### Players to watch

#### **Honduras**

Carlo Costly: Carlo Costly is a tall striker who has been unable to find consistency in his club career.

He has played in Poland, England, Romania, Mexico, the United States, Greece and China, but returned to Honduras with Real Espana early in 2014. Despite the globe-trotting, Costly has remained a central focus of the Honduran nation

team since debuting in 2007, although he missed out on the last World Cup because of injury. Costly uses his physical strength and aerial prowess to cause problems for defenders. He holds the ball up for his teammates and is an awkward player to mark.

Jerry Bengston: Jerry Bengtson is Honduras' other tall, powerful strike

The Costly-Bengtson partnership has the ability to cause problems for group rivals Ecuador. France and Switzerland the group

The New England Revolution player scored nine goals in 12 games in CONCACAF qualifying and Jerry Bengtson is known for his all-around Luis M. Alvarez/AF ability to both play with his back to goal



and create opportunities

for himself.

### Switzerland

Xherdan Shagiri: Still only 22, Xherdan Shaqiri should make many lists of potential breakout stars in Brazil. Shaqiri will be going to his second World Cup

with talent that has not yet been fully exposed. At Bayern Munich, the stocky wide attacker has to wait for his chance in the biggest Champions League matches behind Franck Ribery. Arjen Robben and Thomas Mueller. In the Bundesliga, Shaqiri is a consistent scorer and assist provider for the rupaway champions. Despite tight and physical marking from op-

ponents in Brazil. Shaniri has strength and halance to compare with the similarly sized Lionel Messi

Gokhan Inler: Switzerland fans have long looked for Gokhan Inle to step up and be "patron" of the midfield.

Now captain of the Inler has increasingly shown "Nati." the strength and creativity to dictate

However, it is an intriguing tussle for central midfield slots among Napoli teammates Inler, Valon Behrami and Blerim Dzemaili

Rehrami and Dzemaili stood out in a 1-0 win over Brazil last August in a World Cup tuneup match.

> Xherdan Shaqiri Sigi Tischler, Keystone/AP

# **Familiar foes meet**

## French are slight favorites over Swiss to take group

By JEROME PUGMIRE The Associated Press

PARIS - France will head to the World Cup as the favorite in Group E despite strong competition from a well-organized

Switzerland coached by Ottmar Hitzfeld. The French and Swiss have been here

before, drawing 0-0 in their opening group game at the 2006 World Cup, where France went on to lose the championship on penalty kicks to Italy.

Ecuador and Honduras are unlikely to challenge for group supremacy. Winning the group is crucial, however, to avoid a likely meeting with Argentina the second round.

Switzer-land faces Ecuador in the first game on Sunday in Brasilia.

Here are five things to know about Group E:

Playing down expectation: France coach Didier Deschamps is reluctant to talk up his team's chances at the World Cup because he still thinks his players lack consistency.

The traumatic exit from the last World where the players went on strike and failed to even win a game - is still

etched in their memories.
"What's a successful World Cup? It's hard to answer, but you know just as well as me what a failed World Cup is," said Deschamps, who was captain when France won the 1998 World Cup and the 2000 European Championship. "We can't count ourselves among the favorites because there are teams who have more experience, whose results over the past four or five years are much better than ours."

The way France qualified through the playoffs sums up the inconsistency. France trailed Ukraine 2-0 after a pitiful performance in the first leg in Kiev, only to turn the situation around in spectacular style with a 3-0 win.

'We have a competitive team capable of doing great things but also capable of alternating with much less good things," Deschamps said. We'll find out the truth in our

first match. The pressure's all yours: Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld is happy for France to have the pressure of being group favorite.

The Swiss and French will meet on June 20 in Salvador in a match that is likely to decide the Group E winner - and possibly avoiding Argentina in the second round

"We have a mature team now. I can say that it's become 'adult,' it's grown up. We had a superb qualifying campaign, we didn't lose a single game and we've developed a great team spirit," Hitzfeld told RMC radio. "I hope to beat France so that we can finish first. But beating France will be an enormous surprise because, for me, France remains the group favorite."

So was European champion Spain, however, when it faced



French soccer Blaise Matuidxi, left, reacts after scoring against Jamaica with Patrice Evra during a World Cup tuneup game against Jamaica on June 8. France is the favorite to win Group E, but could be tested by Switzerland. The winner of the group would likely avoid a meeting with perennial power Argentina in the

Switzerland in their opening group game at the last World Cup. With Hitzfeld in charge, Switzerland won 1-0 — Spain's last defeat in a tournament

Ecuador threat: France midfielder Blaise Matuidi has been doing his research on Ecuador by talking to Paris Saint-Germain's South American contingent.

Ecuador will be France's final opponent when they meet in Rio de Janeiro on June 25 and Matuidi is bracing himself for an awkward match that could decide whether

France wins the group.

A tale of two Valencias: Ecuador could well line up with two Valencia's on the field

Ecuador's best-known player is Manchester United winger Antonio Valencia. But the less illustrious Enner Valencia — who is no relation — has made a late push for a starting place in the team two years after his first call up.

He contributed a goal and an assist, as well as winning a penalty, as Ecuador came back from 3-0 down to beat Austra-

lia 4-3 in a friendly last month. He has shown his goal touch at club level, too, scoring 10 times in 14 league games for Mexican side Pachuca

■ Costly affair: After missing the last World Cup because of injury, Honduras striker Carlos Costly should finally get to emulate his father.

Allan Costly, was part of the Honduran team that made history by qualify-ing for its first World Cup in 1982. A tough-tackling, rugged center back, he made 41 international appearances scoring twice, and was the mainstay in defense.

The 31-year-old Carlos is better at the other end of the field, scoring 30 goals in 68 international appearances. He would have played four years ago in South Africa if not injured.

### Players to watch



#### France

Karim Renzema-After failing to score in the last two European Championships missing out on the 2010 World Cup, this is Karim Benzema's big chance

Karim

Benzema

Jacques Brinon/AP

In the space of a few months, he has gone from losing his form and confidence to becoming one of the most lethal strikers in Europe

It has been some turnaround from Benzema, who lost his place in the France team to Olivier Giroud last year after a dismal run of 15 international games without a goal.

Blaise Matuidi: De fensive midfielder Blaise Matuidi is one of the most valuable members of the France team. A tireless runner with

tremendous stamina, he is also a tenacious tackler and a careful passer. He rarely does anything flashy, but his ability to keep things simple has proved invaluable for French champion Paris Saint-Germain and the national team over the past two seasons.



#### Ecuador

Felipe Caicedo: Benitez's death on July 29. 2013, tore up Ecuador coach Reinaldo Rueda's plans for his team's attack and made Felipe

Caicedo's role increasingly important.

Caicedo, who plays for Al-Jazira in the United Arab Emirates, is now the main central striker, He

has experience playing for Manchester City in the remier League and with Spanish club Malaga. The 25-year-old Caicedo debuted for Ecuador when he was 16 and is known for his strength.

Caicedo scored seven goals in nine appear-ances in South American qualifying.

speed and ability to hold up play.

Alexander Dominguez: With above-average height, the 6-foot-4 Alexander Dominguez was singled out as a goalkeeper from an early age. The 27- year-old helped LDU Quito win Ecuador's first Libertadores Cup in 2008 and

the captured Copa Sudamericana in 2009. Dominguez comes from an extremely poor background and worked on a farm, as a waiter, bus ticket conductor and house painter while growing up to help his





## WORLD CUP

# It's a 'Brazuca'

## Tested and approved by the players, official ball won't be target of blame

By CIARAN FAHEY The Associated Press

extensively in the development of the World Cup ball, meaning they should be less likely to commit on-pitch blunders in Brazil.

German manufacturer Adidas says the "Brazuca" was tested by more than 600 of the world's top players, and 30 teams in 10 coun-

tries over 2½ years.
"This is by far the most tested ball we've ever produced," Adidas business director for football hardware Matthias Mecking told The Associated Press in a telephone interview on Wednesday.

Among the players involved in the testing process were Lionel Messi, Iker Casillas, Bastian Schweinsteiger, and 1998 World Cup winner Zinedine Zidane.

"For us the most important thing is what the players tell us, what the players want. The play ers will tell you they want a 'reli-able and fair' ball. One statement nearly all players make is, 'I want the ball to do what I plan to do with it." Mecking said. "The feedback has been very positive."

Adidas also manufactured the 2010 World Cup ball, named Jabulani, but it received heavy criticism from many players before the tournament. They said it was too unpredictable.

Casillas, one of the ball's most vocal critics, then went on to win the World Cup with Spain, and Mecking said much of the feedback from players after the tournament in South Africa was quite positive



## France's Yohan Cabaye controls the ball Tuesday during a training session at the Santa Cruz Stadium in Ribeirao Preto. Brazil.

'We're still very proud of that ball. At the time it was our most advanced ball technically and it was our most successful World Cup ball to date," Mecking said.

When it came to developing the Brazuca, however, Adidas used the Euro 2012 ball, the Tango, and the popular Champions League ball as its benchmark.

"The key new part is in the construction of the outer laver, made

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of six panels - fewer than ever before — with each panel exactly the same shape or geometry. This means the ball is much more accurate, much more consistent, and should allow for fewer mistakes," Mecking said.

The star- or propeller-shaped panels interlock perfectly, and seams all over the ball give it added stability in the air.

"It helps with overall consisten-



azuca, the official soccer ball of the World Cup, tested by more than 600 of the world's top players in 10 countri

cy and accuracy," Mecking said. The Brazuca, like its predeces-sors, is made of three different levels, with a bladder made of butyl, a rubber compound, surrounded by patch carcass made using textile material. The outer shell is a polyurethane material made of plastic and foam.

Around 4,000 will be provided to teams at the World Cup for training purposes and for the

games. Last December, the ball was distributed to all the countries taking part in the tournament to give them time to train with it. The Brazuca has also been used in Major League Soccer, at the Under-20 World Cup, Club World Cup, Spanish Cup, German Cup final and several international friendlies.

'We wanted to make sure we had real-life tests and not only tests in training," Mecking said.

The ball's design has been inspired by the host country. Brazuca is used as a term for Brazilians

living abroad - like many of its footballers — and as slang to describe national pride or anything

Brazilian. 'We wanted to make sure the ball becomes the icon of the tournament. It's obviously inspired by the vibrancy, the rhythm, the color of Brazil," said Mecking, who denied a researcher's claim it may have been inspired by

ninja knowledge.
"It might be an interpretation but it wasn't planned by us," he said.

Instead, the ball's design, its ribbons in shades of blue, gold and green, symbolize the traditional Bahia bands or "wish bracelets" popular in Brazil.

"Ahead of a big tournament, people use those bands to make wish for their country to succeed." Mecking said.

The ball makes its proper debut in the opening game on Thursday in Sao Paulo and will be used through to the final on July 13 in Rio de Janeiro

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### Interleague roundup

## Wainwright wins ninth for Cards

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The St. Louis Cardinals are pitching so well all they need right now to win is one run.

Adam Wainwright became the NL's first nine-game winner, and the Cardinals beat Tampa Bay 1-0 on Tuesday night, the Rays' third straight shutout loss

The Cardinals have three consecutive shutouts for the first time since April 2013. St. Louis, with 13 shutouts this season, was coming off 5-0 victories over Toronto on Saturday and Sunday.

"Our starting pitching has been extremely good these last few, to say the least," St. Louis manager

Mike Matheny said. It is the Cardinals' first stretch of three consecutive road shutouts since Sept. 29, 1962-April 10, 1963 when St. Louis had four in a row.

"Pretty amazing," St. Louis slugger Matt Holliday said.

Tampa Bay has been shut out an AL-leading 10 times this season. The Rays, who have lost 14 of 15, have not scored a run in a club-record 28 innings.

"It's kind of weird to watch because it just doesn't stay that negative for that long normally," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "It just doesn't but it has. This is truly one of those anomaly moments where we've got to stick together."

Wainwright (9-3) scattered seven hits over seven innings. Trevor Rosenthal got the final four outs, including a base-loaded pop fly by Matt Joyce in the eighth, for his 17th save.

Marlins 8, Rangers 5: Christian Yelich set career highs with four hits and four RBIs as Miami beat Texas for its record-tying 13th straight interleague win. Yelich's single in the seventh inning sent home two unearned runs and put

the Marlins up to stay.

Diamondbacks 4, Astros 1:
Bronson Arroyo pitched seven
strong innings and Aaron Hill had
two late RBIs as host Arizona beat
Houston. Arroyo (6-4) matched
Houston's Brad Peacock through
seven innings before Arizona
scored two runs off Josh Fields (1-4) in the seventh.



The Angels' Collin Cowgill hits the winning home run in the 14th inning on Tuesday against the Oakland Athletics in Anaheim, Calif.

### **AL** roundup

# Cowgill's HR in 14th gets Angels by A's

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — About two hours after Yoenis Cespedes made a defensive play for the ages, Collin Cowgill decided not to watch while the Oakland left fielder chased after his long drive in the 14th inning.

Cespedes couldn't do a thing about this one as Cowgill delivered another resilient win for the Los Angeles Angels.

Cowgill hit a two-out homer, and the Angels outlasted the Oakland Athletics 2-1 on Tuesday night for their fifth consecutive

victory.

The Angels bounced back after Cespedes kept it tied in the eighth with a throw that will be a fixture on highlight reels for years, cutting down Howie Kendrick at the plate with a 300-foot heave on the fly from deep down the left-field

After five ensuing scoreless innings, Cowgill abruptly connected against Jeff Francis (0-1), driving a two-strike pitch just over Cespedes' head into the bull-

pens beyond left field.
"I was just hoping it had enough

on it to get it over his head," said Cowgill, who had three hits. "That guy has made some incredible plays on us the last couple of

Josh Hamilton drove in Mike Trout in the sixth for the Angels, who trimmed Oakland's lead in the AL West to 2½ games.

The Angels could have ended it earlier, but Albert Pujols and Kendrick both were thrown out at the plate — although it was tough to blame Kendrick after Cespedes made his mind-boggling throw in the eighth.

"He's capable of doing just about anything on the baseball field, and that's just another example," said Jed Lowrie, who drove in Oakland's only run.

The Cuban left fielder bobbled Trout's double and chased it down before his soaring throw went straight to catcher Derek Norris to nip Kendrick, who had already rounded third when Cespedes released it.

"When that ball rolled to the corner, I thought Howie was going to score standing up," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He threw a guided missile that was right on the money." Cory Rasmus (2-0) pitched two

hitless innings for Los Angeles' maligned bullpen, which yielded one run in eight excellent innings even without closer Ernesto Frieri, who had pitched in four straight games.

Nick Punto doubled and scored on Lowrie's sacrifice fly in the eighth for the AL-leading A's, who have lost four of six.

"Hey, what can you do?" manager Bob Melvin said. "They played as hard as they could, both teams did. After a while, everybody is trying to win it with one swing. Unfortunately, we weren't at our best today offensively."

Pitching and defense dominated the latest meeting of California's division rivals. Neither starting pitcher allowed a runner into scoring position until the sixth.

Hector Santiago struck out eight during six innings of threehit ball in his first start in five weeks for the Angels. Drew Pomeranz pitched seven innings of four-hit ball for the A's, allow-

ing only an unearned run.

The Angels got a terrific fill-

in start from Santiago, recalled from Triple-A Salt Lake after Tyler Skaggs went on the disabled list. Santiago lost his spot in Los Angeles' rotation May? after going 0-6, but the Angels' offseason acquisition from the White Sox limited powerful Oakland to three singles and one walk.

Yankees 3, Mariners 2: Jacoby Ellsbury lined an RBI single on an 0-2 pitch to score Derek Jeter with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, sending visiting New York nast Seattle.

Twins 4, Blue Jays 0: Brian Dozier hit a two-run home run and Kevin Correia won for the first time in four starts as visiting Minnesota beat Toronto.

Royals 9, Indians 5: Jason Vargas cooled down the hot-hitting Indians and Eric Hosmer hit a two-run homer as host Kansas city held on to heat Cleveland

Red Sox 1, Orioles 0: Brandon Workman allowed one hit over 6% innings and Mike Napoli drove in the only run with an RBI single in the third inning as Boston beat host Baltimore for its second win in eight games.









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Colorado Rockies second baseman Josh Rutledge, bottom, slides safely into third as the Atlanta Braves' Chris Johnson covers the bag in the fifth inning of Tuesday's game in Denver. Atlanta won 13-10.

### NL roundup

## Simmons, Braves outslug Rockies

The Associated Press

DENVER - The Braves scored early and often and they needed nearly every one of those runs to beat the Colorado

Andrelton Simmons hit his first career grand slam as part of a seven-run first inning, and the Braves held on to beat Colorado 13-10 on Tuesday night.

Evan Gattis had a home run among his three hits and Freddie Freeman also homered for the Brayes, who had season-highs of 16 hits and 13 runs but had to sweat out a win in the late innings.

"Nothing surprises me in this ballpark," Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "I've been in this office in the same situation with a loss hanging over your head.

The teams combined for 29 hits and neither starter made it out of the fifth inning. Rockies right-hander Juan Nicasio lasted just 32/3 innings and Atlanta's Mike Minor left after giving up two hits to start the fifth.

David Hale (2-0) pitched 21/3 innings of relief for the win.

"I wasn't making quality pitches early on and later on I felt like I was making better pitches and couldn't get out of a jam," Minor said. "They were scoring all night."

The Rockies trailed 13-9 when reliever Jordan Walden walked the bases loaded with no outs in the eighth. One out later Shae Simmons came on and allowed a sacrifice fly by Justin Morneau but then struck out Josh Rutledge to end the threat. Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances

'Kimbrel was great," Gonzalez said. "We score seven in the first inning and we needed a shutdown

Nicasio had a scary moment when he deflected a line drive by Justin Upton with his glove in the bottom of the first.

Nicasio fractured his neck and sustained a concussion when he was hit in the head by a line drive on Aug. 5, 2011. He missed the rest of his rookie season.

"That was scary. You definitely look at his past history and know what happened," shortstop Troy Tulowitzki said. "It's something you don't want to see. But Juan is a tough kid."

The Braves also had a scare when Upton gingerly ran the bases in the first. Gonzalez removed him from the game before Atlanta took the field in the bottom of the

Nationals 2, Giants 1: Doug Fister flipped the script from his previous start in San Francisco during the 2012 World Series, tossing seven scoreless innings to help visiting Washington beat Madison Bumgarner. Jayson Werth and Denard Span

ach drove home a run in the fifth to snap Bumgarner's career-best. six-game winning streak. Werth also threw out a runner at the plate from right field in the sixth.

Cubs 7, Pirates 3: Anthony Rizzo homered, doubled twice and drove in three runs to lead Chicago over host Pittsburgh, spoiling Gregory Polanco's much-anticipated debut.

Dodgers 6, Reds 1: Josh Beck-ett allowed two hits in six shutout innings, Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run single and Los Angeles defeated host Cincinnati in a game delayed more than two hours by

Phillies 5, Padres 2: A.J. Burnett threw 71/3 sharp innings and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run homer in Philadelphia's victory over visiting San Diego.

Mets 6, Brewers 2: Taylor Teagarden hit a grand slam in his debut and Daniel Murphy had a two-run shot as host New York beat Milwaukee to snap a six-

# Still chasing the dream

## US Open win remains the missing piece for Mickelson

By Doug Ferguson The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. ven in the best of times, Phil Mickelson has ample reason to expect the worst at the

More than two decades of play in the major known as the toughest test in golf has produced everything from agony to aggravation, mostly torment, never triumph. And all Mickelson has to show from the U.S. Open are silver medals — a record six of them — for finishing second.

'He could have won six, and he hasn't won one. Ernie Els said. "I believe he's going to win one. He's

still young enough. His game is still good enough."
The U.S. Open took on even greater importance to the 43-year-old Mickelson last summer when he won the British Open at Muirfield leaving him one major away — the U.S. Open, of course — from joining five

other greats who have the career Grand Slam. For all his heartache in golf's toughest test, his optimism hasn't wavered.

Never mind that he has been linked to an insider trading investigation involving activist investor Carl Icahn and Las Vegas gambler Billy Walters, in which FBI agents paid him a visit after his first round at the

Or that Mickelson hasn't won this year, his worst start to a season since 2003. Mickelson not only eves he's going to win the U.S. Open, he



silver medal in 1999. He had a one-shot lead

with three holes to play and had a 6-foot par putt on the 16th hole, while Payne Stewart was 25 feet away from par. Stewart made his putt, Mickelson missed and they were tied. Stewart took the lead with a short birdie on the 17th, then famously won the U.S. Open with a 15-foot par putt on the final hole. No worries. Mick-

elson surely would and he did. He just doesn't have the trophy. Five years later, he was

tied for the lead on the 17th hole at Shinnecock Hills

when he hit into a bunker, blasted

No one has ever had so many chances in one major without ever but Phil

out to 5 feet and three-putted for double bogey.
"It was like being in a morgue walking up the 18th," said Fred Funk, who was paired with him that

The most crushing blow was at Winged Foot in 2006. Mickelson had a one-shot lead on the 18th hole. His tee shot clanged off a corporate tent. The bigger

mistake was going for the green with a 3-iron and hitting a tree. His third shot plugged in the bunker. His fourth shot raced across the green. He made double bogey and lost by one

There was Mickelson, crouched on the green, hands cupped over his head. "I am such an idiot."

"Phil handled the whole thing like a true gentlesaid Kenneth Ferrie, who played with him in the final pairing. "He had nice words to say to me

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lite to the volunteers and officials considering what had just happened." And yet he keeps coming back for more. Sam Snead, who holds the PGA Tour record

with 82 career wins, never won a U.S. Open. Lee Trevino never won the Masters. Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson never won the PGA Championship. Even so. none of those greats ever had as many chances to win the missing major as Mickelson. "Maybe it is his strength of mind, or

his short game, that has enabled him

to put himself in contention so many

times," Ferrie said. "As each year has gone on and he has won other majors. the focus has become more and more about the U.S. Open. As a player, when you want something so much, it's even more difficult to achieve. Yet he keeps giving keeps



## **NBA FINALS**

# Leonard's career night gives Spurs edge

San Antonio subdues Heat with record 76 percent shooting in first half

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI - The last time Kawhi Leonard scored this many points in a real basketball game, he was starring at Martin Luther King High School in Riverside, Calif.

Never in college. Never in the NBA, either.

Until Tuesday night, that is.

And on the same floor where he missed a free throw that could have cost the San Antonio Spurs the title a year ago, he more than atoned in Game 3 of these NBA

Leonard scored 29 points, his highest total since those high school days, to lead a display of offensive wizardry that carried the Spurs to a 111-92 win over the Miami Heat.

The Spurs lead the series 2with Game 4 in Miami on Thursday.

"The series is not over yet," Leonard said. "That's one game. I have to keep going and, you know, help the team."

That's about as wild as Leonard gets in his quote game. His oncourt game is far more exciting, and the Spurs prefer it that way. He made 10 of 13 shots, scored 16 of his points in a historic first quarter that gave San Antonio total control, and added nine more in the fourth to ensure that the Spurs wouldn't let this one slip away.

San Antonio shot 76 percent in the first half to set a finals record. took a 71-50 lead at the break for the highest-scoring opening 24 minutes the title series had seen in 27 years, and scored more points in the first period of a finals game than anyone since 1967.

"It's a simple game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Danny Green and Tony Parker each scored 15 for the Spurs and Tim Duncan added 14. The Spurs led by as many as 25 in the second quarter, matching the biggest lead any visitor has had in Miami since LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade teamed up four years ago.

James and Wade each scored 22 for the Heat, who lost at home for the first time this postseason. And some numbers suggested the Heat didn't play all that badly offensively — they shot 52 percent and made 10 three-pointers. But they also had 20 turnovers that led to 23 Spurs points and allowed San Antonio to make a staggering 19 of its first 21 shots.

Yes, 19 of 21. The Spurs were shooting 91 percent at one point in the second quarter.

"All the easy baskets they got, the continuous miscues that we had on defense," Bosh said. "It continued to go. Guys just weren't focused. We were not focused at all. Our rotations were late. We gave up a bunch of touches in the paint and we were surprised that they were being aggressive. We can't do that. It's the finals.



Spurs Tim Duncan, right, and Kawhi Leonard, left, defend Heat forward LeBron James during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Tuesday in Miami. San Antonio won to take a 2-1 series edge.

### They've been beaten up a little bit in the media for a couple days and [Leonard] had a great response.

Erik Spoelstra Miami Heat head coach

We did it to ourselves." Bosh added. "With all due respect to them, it's nothing that they did."

Leonard scored nine points in each of the first two finals games and the Spurs were hoping to get more from their star-in-waiting.

By the midpoint of the first quarter of Game 3, he already had 10 points and the Spurs were rolling. If the most memorable moment of his career was missing the free throw on the posseson before Ray Allen made the tying three-pointer in Game 6 of last year's title series, it may have been replaced by the totality of his performance in this one.

"I know Pop talked to him," the Spurs' Manu Ginobili said. And what did Pop say?

"That's family business," the longtime San Antonio coach said. Whatever it was, it worked.

"He just came out extremely aggressive," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "And that's what happens in the playoffs often at times. They've been beaten up a little bit in the media for a couple days and he had a great

response. San Antonio inserted Boris Diaw into the starting lineup, countering Miami's small lineup and creating more ball movement that clearly helped Leonard. The game got off to a crisp start, with the Spurs making their first five shots and

Miami making its first four. The Heat cooled off.

The Spurs never really did.

"It's just one of those games that it was going in," Parker said. The Heat finally got into it in the third, running off 10 straight points to cut a 17-point deficit to 81-74 on a drive by Norris Cole, who had replaced an ineffective Mario Chalmers.

That was as close as Miami would get, as the Spurs pulled away in the fourth, with Leonard leading the charge

"We will get better from to-night," James said. "We hate the performance that we put on. But it's 2-1. It's not 4-1. It's 2-1, and we have to make some adjustments, come in and learn from our mistakes as we always do after a

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20 (Leonard 3-6, Belinelli 1-1, Diaw 1-2, Green 1-2, Ginobili 1-3, Mills 1-3, Parker 1-3), Miami 10-21 (Lewis 4-5, Allen 2-4, Lames 2-4, Bosh 1-1, Cole 1-2, Wade 0-1, Douglas 0-1, Chalmers 0-3), Fouled Out-None, Rebounds—San Antonio 37 (Dun-can 6), Miami 31 (Andersen, L. James 5), Assists—San Antonio 21 (Mills, Parker 4),

Notes: Miami had won 11 straight playoff home games dating to last season. ... The Spurs are now 19-6 when Diaw starts this season. ... Allen made two threepointers, pulling him within four of tying Robert Horry (56) for the

Miami 17 (L.James 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 25, Miami 26, A—19,900 (19,600).





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